

THE WATER IS WIDE Traditional

Lyrics of "The Water Is Wide" (also called "Waly, Waly") are of Scottish origin, dating back to the 1600s. The song remains popular in the 21st century.

8 beats/chord unless noted 1,2,3,4 1,2,3,4 1st sung note: D
(tacet)

----- G//// C6//// G Em//// C6//// D7//// /
The water is wide, & I can't cross o'er, & neither have I wings to fly;
D7/// G//// G7//// CM7 Bm//// C6// D7// G/// C6/ G/
Build me a boat, that can carry two; & both shall row, my love & I.

Melody tabs: chords are for reference only.

	G	C6	G	Em	D7	G	G7	CM7	Bm	C6	D7	G	C6	G
A	-----02	--0--	---	0230	0235	320-2	0--	---						
E	--33--	3-30-	-323	---	---	--3-	-30-	-033						
C	2--	--2	2--	---	---	---	--2	2--						

----- G//// C6//// G Em//// C6//// D7//// /
There is a ship, & it sails the sea; she's laden deep, as deep can be;
D7/// G//// G7//// CM7 Bm//// C6// D7// G/// C6/ G/
But not so deep, as the love I'm in. I know not if, I sink or swim.

-----G//// C6//// G Em//// C6//// D7//// /
I leaned my back, against an oak: I thought it was a trusty tree.
D7/// G//// G7//// CM7 Bm//// C6// D7// G/// C6/ G/
But first it bent, & then it broke: so did my love prove false to me.

----- G//// C6//// G Em//// C6//// D7//// /
Oh love is handsome, & love is kind: bright as a jewel, when first it's new;
D7/// G//// G7//// CM7 Bm//// C6// D7// G/// C6/ G/
But love grows old, & waxes cold, then fades away, like morning dew.

-----G//// C6//// G Em//// C6//// D7//// /
Must I be bound, while you go free? Must i love a soul who does not love me?
D7/// G//// G7//// CM7 Bm//// C6// D7// G/// C6/ G/
Must I be born with so little art, to love this one, who breaks my heart?

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