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"The Water Is Wide"

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I can't swim o'er
And neither have I wings to fly
Build me a boat that can carry two
And both shall row my love and I

There is a ship that sails the seas
She sails so deep as deep can be
But not so deep as the love I'm in
I know not how I'll sink or swim

I leant my back against an oak
Thinking it was the strongest tree
But first it bent and then it broke
And that's the way love treated me

Oh love is handsome and love is kind
Gay as a jewel when first it's new
But as love grows old then twice as cold
And fades away like morning dew

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