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"THE WATER IS WIDE A SHIP"

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A ship there is and she sails the sea
She's loaded deep as deep can be
But not so deep as the love I'm in
I don't know not if I sink or swim
The water is wide, I cannot get o'er
Neither have I wings to fly
Give me a boat that can carry two
And both shall row, my love and I
I leaned my back against an oak
Thinking it was a trusty tree
But first it bent and then it broke
So did my love prove false to me
Must I go bound while you go free
Must I love a girl who doesn't love me
Must I be born with so little art
To love a girl who broke my heart
Oh love be handsome and love be great
Sweet as a jewel when first it is new
But love grows old and waxes cold
And fades away like the morning dew

