

# The water is wide

La mer est immense

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**The Water Is Wide** " (aussi appelée " **O Waly, Waly** " est une chanson d'origine écossaise, basée sur des textes qui datent en partie des années 1600. From Somers et en 1906. Jamie Douglas , se réfère au premier mariage malheureux de James Douglas, avec Lady Barbara Erskine . L'imagerie des paroles en métaphores, décrit les défis de l'amour: "L'amour est beau, l'amour est grand pendant la lune de miel. Cependant, au fil du temps, «l'amour vieillit et devient froid». Même le véritable amour, disent les paroles, peut "disparaître



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And neither have <sup>1234</sup> I wings to fly  
Give me a boat <sup>1234</sup> that can carry two  
And both shall row, <sup>1234</sup> my love and I

Oh love be handsome.... and love be kind  
Gay as a jewel ....when first it is new  
But love grows old.... and waxes cold  
And fades away like ....the morning dew

There is ship .... and she sails the sea  
She's loaded deep...as deep can be  
But not so deep .... as the love I'm in....  
I know not if.... I sink or swim....

Must I go bound while.... you go free?  
Must I love a man who.... doesn't love me?  
Must I be born with.... so little art ?  
As to love a man who' ....ll break my heart

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

When cockle shells.... turn silver bells  
Then will my love.... come back to me  
When roses bloom ....in winter's gloom  
Then will my love.... return to me

I reached my finger.... into some soft bush  
Thinking the fairest ....flower to find  
I pricked my finger.... to the bone  
And left the fairest.... flower behind

*Couplet bouche fermée*  
*Mmmm.....*

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