

The Water is Wide Somerset folk song

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Handwritten musical notation for the first system of 'The Water is Wide'. It consists of three staves: a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment line, and a bass line. The lyrics for the first line are: "1. The water is wide — I cannot get o'er — and neither have — I wings to fly,". The music is in 3/4 time and G major.

Handwritten musical notation for the second system of 'The Water is Wide'. It consists of three staves: a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment line, and a bass line. The lyrics for the second line are: "give me a boat — that will carry two — and both shall row, my love and I." The music continues in 3/4 time and G major.

2. O down in the meadow the other day,
 A. gathering flowers both fine and gay,
 I. gathering flowers both red and blue,
 I little thought what love can do.
 3. I leaned my back up against some oak, thinking that he
 was a trusty tree,
 But first he bended and then he broke, and so did my
 false love to me.
 4. 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 know not if I
 sink or swim.
 5. O love is handsome and love is fine,
 And love's a jewel when it is new,
 But when it is old it groweth cold,
 And fades away like morning dew.



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