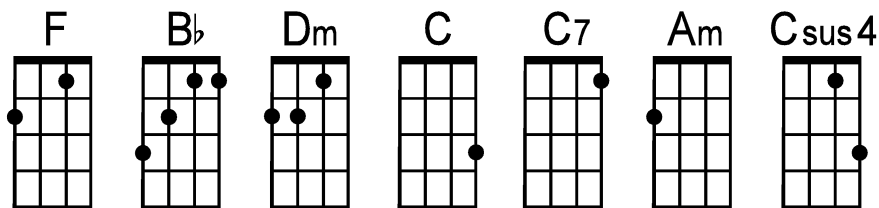


# The Water is Wide

Traditional Folk Song



**Intro:** (Arpeggio)

F . . . . | . . . . | Bb . . . . | F . . . . |

(sing c)

F \ --- --- --- | F . . . . | Bb . . . . | F . . . . |  
The water is wide\_\_\_\_\_ | can't— cross o—ver—

. . . Am \ | Dm . . . . | Bb . . . . | C . . . . |  
Nor do I have\_\_\_\_\_ | light wings— to fly\_\_\_\_\_

C7 . . . . | Am . . . . | . . . . | Dm . . . . |  
Build me a boat\_\_\_\_\_ | that can car—ry two\_\_\_\_\_

Bb . . . . | Csus4 . . . . | C . . . . | F . . . . |  
And both shall row\_\_\_\_\_ | my love and I\_\_\_\_\_

F . . . . | . . . . | Bb . . . . | F . . . . |  
A ship there is\_\_\_\_\_ | and sails— the sea\_\_\_\_\_

. . . Am \ | Dm . . . . | Bb . . . . | C . . . . |  
She's load-ed deep\_\_\_\_\_ | as deep can be\_\_\_\_\_

C7 . . . . | Am . . . . | . . . . | Dm . . . . |  
But not so deep\_\_\_\_\_ | as the love I'm in\_\_\_\_\_

Bb . . . . | Csus4 . . . . | C . . . . | F . . . . |  
And I know not how\_\_\_\_\_ | I sink or— swim\_\_\_\_\_

F . . . . | . . . . | Bb . . . . | F . . . . |  
When love is young\_\_\_\_\_ | and love is fine\_\_\_\_\_

. . . Am \ | Dm . . . . | Bb . . . . | C . . . . |  
It's like a gem\_\_\_\_\_ | when first— it's new\_\_\_\_\_

C7 . . . . | Am . . . . | . . . . | Dm . . . . |  
If love grows old\_\_\_\_\_ | then it wax—es cold\_\_\_\_\_

Bb . . . . | Csus4 . . . . | C . . . . | F . . . . |  
And fades a—way\_\_\_\_\_ | like mor—ning dew\_\_\_\_\_

**Instr:**

F . . . . | . . . . | Bb . . . . | F . . . . |  
A \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_ 1-1-3 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_  
G \_\_\_\_\_

. . . Am \ | Dm . . . . | Bb . . . . | C . . . . |  
A \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
G \_\_\_\_\_

**C7** . . 0 1 | **Am** . . . | . 1 0 . . | **Dm** . . . |

A —————

E — 3 ————— 3 — 1 —————

C —————

G —————

**Bb** . . . | **Csus4** . . . | **C** . . . | **F** . . . |

A —————

E — 3 — 1 ————— 1 — 1 —————

C ————— 2 — 0 ————— 0 — 2 —————

G —————

**F** . . . | . . . | **Bb** . . . | **F** . . . |

The water is wide ————— | I can't — cross o — ver —

. . . **Am\** | **Dm** . . . | **Bb** . . . | **C** . . . |

Nor do I have ————— | light wings — to fly —————

**C7** . . . | **Am** . . . | . . . | **Dm** . . . |

Build me a boat ————— | that can carry — two —————

**Bb** . . . | **Csus4** . . . | **C** . . . | **F** . . . | **F\**

And both shall row ————— | my — love — and ————— | —————

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