The Water is Wide

The water is wide, I cannot get o'er And neither have I wings to fly Give me a boat that will carry two And both shall row, my love and I

There is a 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

I leaned my back against an oak
Thinking it was a trusty tree
But first it bent and then it broke
And so did my false love to me

I put my hand into yonder bush
Thinking the sweetest flower to find
I pricked my finger to the bone
And left the sweetest flower behind

Oh love is handsome and love is fine And love's a jewel when first it is new But love grows old and waxes cold And fades away like the morning dew

Traditional English folk song arr. Sarah Morgan