

# O Waly, Waly

from Somerset (Cecil Sharp) \*

original key

Arranged by  
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Slowly moving (♩)

*pp*

The wa - ter is  
I leaned my

*pp* *express.*

wide back I can - not get o'er, and nei - ther have I wings to  
up a - gainst some oak think - ing that he was a trust - y

fly. tree; Give me a boat that will car - ry two, and both shall  
But first he bend - ed, and then he broke; and so did

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*più f*

row, my love and I.  
my false love to me.

O, down in the  
A ship there

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mead - ows the oth - er day,  
is, and she sails the sea,

A - gath - 'ring flowers both fine and  
She's load - ed deep as deep can -

*più f*

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gay, A - gath - 'ring flowers  
be, But not so deep

both red and blue, I lit - tle  
as the love I'm in: I know not

*dim.*

*f*

*dim.*

18

*p*

thought what love can do.  
if I sink or swim.

*p*

*dim.*

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*pp*

O, love is hand - some and love is fine, and love's a

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*dim.*

jew - el while it is new, But when it is old, it grow - eth\_

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*ppp*

cold, and fades a - way like morn - ing\_ dew.