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she's loaded deep as deep can be,  
but not so deep as the love I'm in;  
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and love's a jewel while it is new.  
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Satz: Mik Deboes, 2011

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Doo-doo -  
Doo - doo

have I wings to fly. Give me a boat that will car-ry

two, and both shall row, my love and I.

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- 1 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.
- 2 O down in the meadows the other day,  
a-gath'ring flow'rs, both fine and gay,  
a-gathering flowers, both red and blue,  
I little thought what love can do.
- 3 I put my hand into one soft bush  
thinking the sweetest flower to find.  
I pricked my finger right to the bone,  
and left the sweetest flower alone.
- 4 I leaned my back up against some oak  
thinking that he was a trusty tree.  
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Landschaft im Südwesten Englands;  
Fundort zahlreicher Volkslieder  
(dieses Lied wurde von Cecil J. Sharp  
(1859-1924) aufgezeichnet)

Das Wasser ist breit,  
ich kann nicht hinüber,  
und ich habe auch keine  
Flügel zum Fliegen.  
Gib mir ein Boot,  
das zwei tragen kann,  
und beide werden rudern,  
mein Lieb und ich.

Oh, dort unten in den Wiesen  
neulich,  
während ich Blumen pflückte,  
hübsche und bunte,

rote und blaue,  
dachte ich kaum daran,  
was Liebe vermag.

Ich steckte meine Hand  
in einen weichen Strauch  
und glaubte,  
die süßeste Blume zu finden.  
Ich stach mich in den Finger  
[gar] bis auf den Knochen.  
Und ließ  
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an eine Eiche  
und glaubte,  
dass er sei  
ein zuverlässiger Baum.  
aber zuerst bog er sich  
und dann brach er (entzwei);  
und so tat (es auch)  
mein falsch Lieb mit mir.

Es gibt ein Schiff,  
[und] es segelt übers Meer,  
es ist schwer beladen,  
so schwer wie möglich,  
aber nicht so schwer  
wie die Liebe, die mich umfängt;  
ich weiß nicht,  
ob ich versinke oder schwimme.

Oh, Liebe ist schön  
und Liebe ist fein  
und Liebe ist ein Kleinod,  
wenn sie neu ist.  
Aber wenn sie alt ist,  
wird sie kalt,  
und schwindet dahin  
wie (der) Morgentau.

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