The Water is Wide

(Traditional)

Intro: C Csus4 C (where // denotes strumming 2 beats [½ bar] on the chord. ↓ stop strumming but play 1 downstroke on the chord.)

C F C
The water is wide I can’t cross o’er,

G7 C Am Dm G7
Nor do I have light wings to fly,

C F Am F
Give me a boat that can carry two,

C G7 C // Csus4 // C↓
And we shall row my love and I

C F C
A ship there is that sails the sea,

G7 C Am Dm G7
She’s loaded deep as deep can be,

C F Am F
But not so deep as the love I’m in,

C G7 C // Csus4 // C↓
And I know not how I’ll sink or swim.

C F C
For love is gentle and love is fine,

G7 C Am Dm G7
It’s like a gem when first it’s new,

C F Am F
But love grows old and waxes cold,

C G7 C // Csus4 // C↓
And fades away like the morning dew

C F C
The water is wide I can’t cross o’er,

G7 C Am Dm G7
Nor do I have light wings to fly,

C F Am F
Give me a boat that can carry two,

C G7 C G7
Give me a boat that can carry two,

C G7 C // Csus4 // C↓
And we shall row my love and I

leftright/bleft/bleft/bleft
Slow down here
bright/bright/bright/bright

Chords and Guitar Chord Diagrams:

C Csus4 C F G7 Am Dm

Guitar Chord Chart:

C Csus4