



## Lyrics for *O Waly Waly*

The lyrics below represent the version of *O Waly Waly* that we are using for this lesson. Folk songs are traditionally passed on via hearing rather than reading. This means that there tends not to be one 'authentic' version of a song, but rather a huge variety. Below is a composite version. It is one interpretation of the song – a quick search will lead you to lots of others!"

### *O Waly Waly*

*The water is wide, I cannot get o'er,  
and neither have, I wings to fly.  
Give me a boat that can carry two,  
and both shall cross, my true love and I.*

*I leaned my back against an oak,  
thinking it, a mighty tree,  
but first it bent, and then it broke,  
so did my love prove false to me.*

*The seagulls wheel, they turn and dive,  
the mountain stands beside the sea.  
This world we know, turns round and round,  
and all for them, and you and me.*

# O Waly Waly

Traditional folk ballad

## Verse 1

3 F B $\flat$  F Dm  
The wa-ter is wide, I can-not get o'er, And neith-er have I wings to

4 Gm Am B $\flat$  C  
fly. Give me a boat that can car-ry two, and both shall cross, My true love and

8 F Verse 2 F B $\flat$  F  
I. I leaned my back a-gainst an oak, Think-ing

12 Dm Gm Am B $\flat$   
it a migh ty tree, But first it bent and then it broke, So did my

16 C $^7$  Verse 3 F B $\flat$   
love prove false to me. The sea-gulls wheel, they turn and

20 F Dm Gm  
dive The moun-tain stands be-side the sea. This world we

23 Am B $\flat$  C $^7$  F  
know turns round and round, And all for them, and you and me.