

The Bridge
Scott Walker

Am **G**
I ve watched her from the river banks

Dm **Em**
I knew her when she danced with dreams

A# **Am**
White doves were there to dress her hair

A# **E**
And so was Madelaine

Am **G**
At night the people s faces danced

Dm **Em**
Like pearls colliding on the breast

A# **Am**
Of fat Marie whose thunder laugh

E **Am**
Was just a thread from crying

F **C**
Her sailors stained her cobblestones

F **Em** **F** **G**
With wine and piss and death desire

F **C**
And sometimes blood for Madelaine

A# **E**
Whose laughter was the night

A **G**
Her girls would lift their dresses high

D **C** **D** **C**
and breathe the stars and kiss the sky

A **G**
She d smother them with whispers then

F **E**
Embrace them with her sighs

Am **G**
Before the bottle dulled my eyes

Dm **Em**
And made me so I couldn't stand

A# **Am**
I'd overact and play the clown

E **Am**
When Madelaine would cry

F **C**
And now I watch from riverbanks

F **Em** **F** **G**
I watch it weave its memories

F **C**
White doves turned gray and flew away

E **Am**
And so did Madelaine