

The Bridge
Scott Walker

Bbm **G#**
I ve watched her from the river banks

Ebm **Fm**
I knew her when she danced with dreams

B **Bbm**
White doves were there to dress her hair

B **F**
And so was Madelaine

Bbm **G#**
At night the people s faces danced

Ebm **Fm**
Like pearls colliding on the breast

B **Bbm**
Of fat Marie whose thunder laugh

F **Bbm**
Was just a thread from crying

F# **C#**
Her sailors stained her cobblestones

F# **Fm** **F#** **G#**
With wine and piss and death desire

F# **C#**
And sometimes blood for Madelaine

B **F**
Whose laughter was the night

Bb **G#**
Her girls would lift their dresses high

Eb **C#** **Eb** **C#**
and breathe the stars and kiss the sky

Bb **G#**
She d smother them with whispers then

F# **F**
Embrace them with her sighs

Bbm **G#**
Before the bottle dulled my eyes

Ebm **Fm**
And made me so I couldn't stand

B **Bbm**
I'd overact and play the clown

F **Bbm**
When Madelaine would cry

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

F# **Fm** **F#** **G#**
I watch it weave its memories

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

F **Bbm**
And so did Madelaine