

The Bridge
Scott Walker

Gm **F**
I ve watched her from the river banks

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

G# **Gm**
White doves were there to dress her hair

G# **D**
And so was Madelaine

Gm **F**
At night the people s faces danced

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

G# **Gm**
Of fat Marie whose thunder laugh

D **Gm**
Was just a thread from crying

Eb **Bb**
Her sailors stained her cobblestones

Eb **Dm** **Eb** **F**
With wine and piss and death desire

Eb **Bb**
And sometimes blood for Madelaine

G# **D**
Whose laughter was the night

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

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

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

Eb **D**
Embrace them with her sighs

Gm **F**
Before the bottle dulled my eyes

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

G# **Gm**
I'd overact and play the clown

D **Gm**
When Madelaine would cry

Eb **Bb**
And now I watch from riverbanks

Eb **Dm** **Eb** **F**
I watch it weave its memories

Eb **Bb**
White doves turned gray and flew away

D **Gm**
And so did Madelaine