

The Bridge
Scott Walker

G#m **F#**
I ve watched her from the river banks

C#m **Ebm**
I knew her when she danced with dreams

A **G#m**
White doves were there to dress her hair

A **Eb**
And so was Madelaine

G#m **F#**
At night the people s faces danced

C#m **Ebm**
Like pearls colliding on the breast

A **G#m**
Of fat Marie whose thunder laugh

Eb **G#m**
Was just a thread from crying

E **B**
Her sailors stained her cobblestones

E **Ebm** **E** **F#**
With wine and piss and death desire

E **B**
And sometimes blood for Madelaine

A **Eb**
Whose laughter was the night

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

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

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

E **E♭**
Embrace them with her sighs

G#m **F#**
Before the bottle dulled my eyes

C#m **Ebm**
And made me so I couldn't stand

A **G#m**
I'd overact and play the clown

E♭ **G#m**
When Madelaine would cry

E **B**
And now I watch from riverbanks

E **Ebm** **E** **F#**
I watch it weave its memories

E **B**
White doves turned gray and flew away

E♭ **G#m**
And so did Madelaine