The Bridge
Scott Walker

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Bm                          A
I ve watched her from the river banks

Em                    F#m
I knew her when she danced with dreams

C                       Bm

White doves were there to dress her hair

C                F#
And so was Madelaine

Bm                     A
At night the people s faces danced

Em                     F#m
Like pearls colliding on the breast

C                   Bm
Of fat Marie whose thunder laugh

F#                       Bm
Was just a thread from crying



G                        D
Her sailors stained her cobblestones

     G         F#m       G      A
With wine and piss and death desire

 G                       D
And sometimes blood for Madelaine

C                      F#
Whose laughter was the night

B                           A
Her girls would lift their dresses high

    E           D          E         D
and breathe the stars and kiss the sky

B                        A
She d smother them with whispers then
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G **F#**
Embrace them with her sighs

Bm **A**
Before the bottle dulled my eyes

Em **F#m**
And made me so I couldn t stand

C **Bm**
I d overact and play the clown

F# **Bm**
When Madelaine would cry

G **D**
And now I watch from riverbanks

G **F#m** **G** **A**
I watch it weave it s memories

G **D**
White doves turned gray and flew away

F# **Bm**
And so did Madelaine