

White Birds
The Waterboys

Capo II (Sounding D major)

[Verse]

C **Em**
I would that we were, my beloved
F
White birds on the foam of the sea
G **Am**
Far from the rose and the lily
F **G** **C**
And the fret of the flames would we be

[Chorus]

C **Em**
And the flame of the blue star of twilight
F
Hung low on the rim of the sky
G **Am**
Has awakened in our hearts, my beloved
F **G** **C**
A sadness that may never die
F **G** **C**
A sadness that may never die

C **Em**
A weariness comes from those dreamers
F
Dew-dabbled, the lily and rose
G **Am**
Ah, dream not of that, my beloved
F **G** **C**
The flame of the meteor that goes

C **Em**
Or the flame of the blue star that lingers
F
Hung low in the fall of the dew
G **Am**
For I would we were changed, my beloved
F **G** **C**
To white birds on the foam, I and you
F **G** **C**
To white birds on the foam, I and you

[Bridge]

Em

Bend low, that I may crown you

Em

Flower of the branch

Am

Silver fish my hands have taken

Am

From the running stream

F

Morning star, trembling in the heavens

G

Like a white fawn on the border of a wood

G

Bend that I may crown you

G

That I may crown you

[Chorus]

C

Em

And the flame of the blue star of twilight

F

Hung low on the rim of the sky

G

Am

Has awakened in our hearts, my beloved

F

G

C

A sadness that may never die

F

G

C

A sadness that may never die

C

Em

Soon far from the rose and the lily

F

And fret of the flames would we be

G

Am

Were we only white birds, my beloved

F

G

C

White birds on the foam of the sea

F

G

C

White birds on the foam of the sea