

**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