

THEY'RE GONE LIKE FLOATING DREAMS

I knew this song as a fiddle tune for a very long time until Andy Longo showed me that it had lyrics, and had been recorded by Kate Wolf. The song is generally credited to Texas fiddler Lucas "Red Luke" Thomasson, and was later made popular by his son Benny. Benny Thomasson says he remembers hearing his father and his uncle working on the tune on their front porch. That would have been around 1900. You can hear Kate's rendition [here](#) or on the [HFMS Audio Archive](#) page. Kate does it in the traditional key of D, a favorite with old-time fiddlers.

MIDNIGHT ON THE WATER

by Lucas Thomasson

**D**  
 There are times when I am blue  
                   **G**      **D**  
 Thinking of you and me  
                   **G**      **D**  
 At midnight on the water  
                   **A7**   **D**  
 And how it used to be

There are stars among the trees  
 And some old memories I know  
 At midnight on the water  
 Not so long ago



IMAGE BY PETE LINFORTH FROM PIXABAY



IMAGE BY SUSAN CIPRIANO FROM PIXABAY

**Bm**  
 Though they're gone like floating dreams  
**Bm**  
 The scenes were there as in a mirror  
                   **Em**  
 Made by the moon upon the water  
                   **Bm**  
 And our love was never stronger  
                   **Gm**  
 But the picture was broken  
                   **D**  
 By the waves we left behind  
                   **G**      **D**  
 At midnight on the water  
                   **A7**   **D**  
 Once upon a time

There are times when I am blue  
 Thinking of you and me  
 At midnight on the water  
 And how it used to be

In the stillness of the lake  
 Where these thoughts take me again  
 At midnight on the water  
 Do you remember when

Though they're gone like floating dreams  
 The scenes were there as in a mirror  
 Made by the moon upon the water  
 And our love was never stronger  
 But the picture was broken  
 By the waves we left behind  
 At midnight on the water  
 Once upon a time

