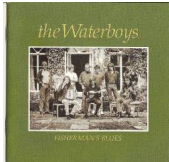


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1 *Fisherman's Blues* 4:26 2 *We Will Not Be Lovers* 7:03 3 *Strange Boat* 3:07 4 *World Party* 4:01 5 *Sweet Thing* 7:14 6 *Jimmy Hickey's Waltz* 2:06 7 *And A Bang On The Ear* 7:33 8 *Has Anybody Here Seen Hank?* 3:19 9 *When Will We Be Married?* 3:00 10 *When Ye Go Away* 3:45 11 *Dunford's Fancy* 1:04 12 *The Stolen Child* 6:56 13 *This Land Is Your Land* 0:54

Mike Scott - vocals, guitar, piano, hammond organ, drums, bouzouki
Anthony Thistlethwaite - saxophone, mandolin, harmonica, hammond organ Steve Wickham - violin Trevor Hutchinson - bass guitar, double bass Roddy Lorimer - trumpet Kevin Wilkinson - drums Peter McKinney - drums Dave Ruffy - drums Colin Blakey - piano, flute, border horn Fran Breen - drums Vinnie Kilduff - guitar Noel Bridgeman - tambourine, congas Jay Dee Daugherty - drums Mairtín O'Connor - accordion Alec Finn - bouzouki Charlie Lennon - violin Brendan O'Regan - bouzouki Tomás Mac Eoin - vocals Paraig Stevens - bells Jenne Haan - vocals Ruth Nolan - vocals Rachel Nolan - vocals The Abergavenny Male Voice Choir – vocals

Mike Scott had been pursuing his grandiose "big music" since he founded the Waterboys, so it came as a shock when he scaled back the group's sound for the Irish and English folk of *Fisherman's Blues*. Although the arena-rock influences have been toned down, Scott's vision is no less sweeping or romantic, making even the simplest songs on *Fisherman's Blues* feel like epics. Nevertheless, the album is the Waterboys' warmest and most rewarding record, boasting a handful of fine songs ("And a Bang on the Ear," the ominous "We Will Not Be Lovers," "Has Anybody Here Seen Hank?," and the title track), as well as a surprisingly successful cover of Van Morrison's breathtaking "Sweet Thing." [Fisherman's Blues was reissued in 2006 with a bonus disc containing fourteen outtakes, alternate versions and late-night studio jams. The re-mastered original included extended versions of "And a Bang on the Ear" and "World Party."] --- Stephen Thomas Erlewine, Rovi

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