

THE RIVER – 2 PAGES

INTRO |Em-4 G-4 D-4 C-4 | Am-4 G-4 C-8|

Em-4 G-4 D-4 C-4
I come from down in the valley, where mister when you're young
Em-4 G-4 C-4 G-4
They bring you up to do, like your daddy done
C-8 G-2 D/F#-2 Em-4
Me and Mary we met in high school, when she was just seventeen
Am-8 G-4 C-4 [C-4]
We'd drive out of this valley, down to where the fields were green

Em-4 C-4 D-4 G-4
We'd go down to the river, and into the river we'd dive
Em-4 C-4 D-4 C-4
Oh, oh, down to the river we'd ride

Em-4 G-4 D-4 C-4
Then I got Mary pregnant, and man that was all she wrote
Em-4 G-4 C-4 G-4
And for my nineteenth birthday, I got a union card, and a wedding coat
C-8 G-2 D/F#-2 Em-4
We went down to the courthouse, and the judge put it all to rest
Am-8
No wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle,
G-4 C-4
no flowers, no wedding dress

Em-4 C-4 D-4 G-4
That night we went down to the river and into the river we'd dive
Em-4 C-4 D-4 C-4
Oh, oh, down to the river we did ride

SOLO |Em-4 G-4 D-4 C-4 | Em-4 G-4 C-4 G-4|
|C-8 |G-2 D/F#-2 | Em-4 | Am-8| G-4 C-8|

Em-4 G-4 D-4 C-4
I got a job working construction, for the Johnstown company
Em-4 G-4 C-4 G-4
But lately there ain't been much work, on account of the economy
C-8

Now, all them things that seemed so important, well, mister
G-2 D/F#-2 Em-4
they vanished right into the air

Am-8 G-4 C-4
Now I just act like I don't remember, Mary acts like she don't care

Em-4 G-4
But I remember us riding in my brother's car, her body
D-4 C-4
tan and wet down at the reservoir

Em-4 G-4
At night on them banks I'd lie awake, and pull her
C-4 G-4
close just to feel each breath she'd take

C-8 G-2 D/F#-2 Em-4
Now those memories come back to haunt me, they haunt me like a curse
Am-8 G-4 C-4
Is a dream a lie if it don't come true, or is it something worse

Em-4 C-4 D-4 G-4
That sends me down to the river, though I know the river is dry

Em-4 C-4 D-4 C-4
That sends me down to the river tonight
Em-4 C-4 D-4 G-4
Down to the river, my baby and I
Em-4 C-4 D-4 C-4
oh, oh, down to the river we ride

OUTRO | Em-4 C-4 D-4 G-4| Em-4 C-4 D-4 C-4|