

THE RIVER G

Intro Em G D C Am G C

Verse Em G D C - Em G C G - C C - G Em Am Am G C

I come from down in the valley - Where mister, when you're young
They bring you up to do - Like your daddy done
Me and Mary we met in high school - When she was just 17
We'd drive out of this valley - Down to where the fields were green

We'd go down to the river Em C
And into the river we'd dive D G
Oh, down to the river we'd ride Em C D (C)

Verse Em G D C - Em G C G - C C - G Em Am Am G C

Then I got Mary pregnant - And, man, that was all she wrote
And for my 19th birthday - I got a union card and a wedding coat
We went down to the courthouse - And the judge put it all to rest
No wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle
No flowers, no wedding dress

That night we went down to the river Em C
And into the river we'd dive D G
Oh, down to the river we'd ride Em C D (C)

Verse Em G D C - Em G C G - C C - G Em Am Am G C

I got a job working construction - For the Johnstown Company
But lately there ain't been much work - On account of the economy
Now all them things that seemed so important
Well mister they vanished right into the air
Now I just act like I don't remember
Mary acts like she don't care

Verse Em G D C - Em G C G - C C - G Em Am Am G C

But I remember us riding in my brother's car
Her body tan and wet down at the reservoir
At night on them banks I'd lie awake
And pull her close just to feel each breath she'd take
Now those memories come back to haunt me
They haunt me like a curse
Is a dream a lie if it don't come true
Or is it something worse, that sends me

Down to the river Em C
Though I know the river is dry D G
That sends me down to the river tonight Em C D (C)
Down to the river Em C
My baby and I D G
Oh, down to the river we ride Em C D (C)
Chorus on ooh ooh ooh > outro = verse instr