

# The River by Bruce Springsteen

[Intro]

| Em | G | D | C | Am | G |

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C
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B|-----12-10-8-----12-10-8-10-----|
G|-9--8-9-11-12-----8b-----8b-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
    
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[Verse]

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

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      Em          C          D          G
We'd go down to the river And into the river we'd dive
      Em          C          D  C
Oh down to the river we'd ride
    
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[Verse]

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

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      Em          C
That night we went down to the river
      D          G
And into the river we'd dive
      Em          C          D  C
Oh down to the river we did ride
    
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[Solo]

(backing chords for the solo are the same as the verses)

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## [Verse]

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

## [Bridge]

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

## [Chorus]

Em C D G  
That sends me down to the river Though I know the river is dry  
Em C D C  
That sends me down to the river tonight  
Em C D G  
Down to the river my baby and I  
Em C D C  
Oh down to the river we ride Ooh..

## [Outro]

Em C D G Em C  
C