

The River by Bruce Springsteen

[Intro]

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

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B|-----12-10-8-----12-10-8-10-----|
G|-9--8-9-11-12-----8b-----8b-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
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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