

## INTRO

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

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

Em G  
 Then I got Mary pregnant  
 D C  
 And man that was all she wrote  
 Em G C G  
 And for my nineteenth birthday I got a union card and a wedding coat

We went down to the courthouse  
 G D Em  
 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  
 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

## BREAK

Em . . . . G . . . . D . . . . C  
 Em . . . . G . . . . C . . . . G  
 C . . . . C . . . . G . . D . . Em  
 Am . . . . Am . . . . G . . . . C



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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  
 Now I just act like I don't remember  
 G C  
 Mary acts like she don't care

Em G  
 But I remember us riding in my brother's car  
 D C  
 Her body tan and wet down at the reservoir  
 Em G  
 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  
 Is a dream a lie if it don't come true  
 G C  
 Or is it something worse,  
 Em C  
 That sends me down to the river  
 D G  
 Though I know the river is dry  
 Em C D C  
 That sends me down to the river tonight  
 Em C  
 Down to the river  
 D G  
 My baby and I  
 Em C D C  
 Oh down to the river we ride

## FADE OUT

Em . . . . C . . . . D . . . . G  
 Em . . . . C . . . . D . . . . C