

## INTRO

Em . . . . G . . . . D . . . . C  
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I come from down in the valley<sup>G</sup>  
Where mister when you're young<sup>D</sup>  
They bring you up to do like your daddy done<sup>G</sup>

Me and Mary we met in high school

When she was just seventeen<sup>G</sup>  
We'd drive out of this valley down to where the fields were green<sup>C</sup>

We'd go down to the river<sup>Em</sup>

And into the river we'd dive<sup>D</sup>  
Oh down to the river we'd ride<sup>C</sup>

Then I got Mary pregnant<sup>Em</sup>

And man that was all she wrote<sup>D</sup>

And for my nineteenth birthday I got a union card and a wedding coat<sup>G</sup>

We went down to the courthouse

And the judge put it all to rest<sup>D</sup>

No wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle<sup>Am</sup>

No flowers, no wedding dress<sup>G</sup>

That night we went down to the river<sup>Em</sup>

And into the river we'd dive<sup>D</sup>

Oh down to the river we did ride<sup>C</sup>

## BREAK

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



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I got a job working construction for the Johnstown Company<sup>G</sup>  
But lately there ain't been much work on account of the economy<sup>C</sup>

Now all them things that seemed so important

Well mister they vanished right into the air<sup>Em</sup>

Now I just act like I don't remember<sup>Am</sup>

Mary acts like she don't care<sup>D</sup>

But I remember us riding in my brother's car<sup>G</sup>

Her body tan and wet down at the reservoir<sup>D</sup>

At night on them banks I'd lie awake<sup>Em</sup>

And pull her close just to feel each breath she'd take<sup>C</sup>

Now those memories come back to haunt me

They haunt me like a curse<sup>G</sup>

Is a dream a lie if it don't come true<sup>Am</sup>

Or is it something worse,<sup>D</sup>

That sends me down to the river<sup>Em</sup>

Though I know the river is dry<sup>D</sup>

That sends me down to the river tonight<sup>Em</sup>

Down to the river

My baby and I<sup>D</sup>

Oh down to the river we ride<sup>Em</sup>

## FADE OUT

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