

THE RIVER

Bruce Springsteen

Tempo: 115 - Intro played by acoustic and harp:

Em G D C Am G 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/F# Em
When she was just seventeen
Am G C
We'd ride out of that valley down to where the fields were green

One bar pause, the the whole band begins to play

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
C
We went down to the courthouse
G D/F# Em
And the judge put it all to rest
Am
No wedding day smiles no walk down in 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'd ride

Solo (harp) over 1 Verse, starts like intro

Hammond organ starts playing chords lying around note e

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/F# 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

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 other 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

Chorus

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
My baby and I
Oh down the river we'd ride

at least 2 x on Chorus, then one chorus instrumental and end
oh oh oh oh oh oh...

Tablature of the intro for diatonic G-harp

v = pull, ^ = blow, \ = bend

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