

The River

Bruce Springsteen

[Am] | [C] | [G] | [F] | [Am] | [C] | [F] | |

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

We'd go [Am]down to the [F]river, and [G]into the river we'd [C]dive
 Oh [Am]down to the [F]river we'd [G]ri[F]de

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

That night we went [Am]down to the [F]river, and [G]into the river we'd [C]dive
 Oh [Am]down to the [F]river we did [G]ri[F]de

[Am] | [C] | [G] | [F] | [Am] | [C] | [F] | [C] |
 [F] | | [C] . . [G] . . | [Am] | [Dm] | | [C] | [F] |

I [Am]got a job working con[C]struction for the [G]Johnstown Compa[F]ny
 But [Am]lately there ain't been [C]much work on ac[F]count of the econo[C]my
 Now [F]all them things that seemed so important
 Well mister they [C]vanished right [G]into the [Am]air
 Now I just [Dm]act like I don't remember
 Mary [C]acts like she don't [F]care

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

That sends me [Am]down to the [F]river, though I [G]know the river is [C]dry
 That sends me [Am]down to the [F]river to[G]ni[F]ght
 [Am]Down to the [F]river
 My [G]baby and [C]I
 Oh [Am]down to the [F]river we [G]ri[F]de

[Am] | [F] | [G] | [C] |
 [Am] | [F] | [G] | [F] :|