

The River - Bruce Springsteen 1980

INTRO:

Harmonica or Kazoo [Dm] /// [F] /// [C] /// [Bb] /// [C] /// [F] /// [Dm] /// ///

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

We'd go [Dm]down to the [Bb]river And [C]into the river we'd [F]dive
Oh [Dm]down to the [Bb]river we'd [C]ride [Bb]

Then [Dm]I got Mary [F]pregnant And [C]man, that was all she [Bb]wrote
And [Dm]for my 19th [F]birthday I got a union [Bb]card and a wedding [F]coat
We [Bb]went down to the court house and the [F]judge put it [C]all to [Dm]rest
No [Gm]wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle
No [F]flowers, no wedding [Bb]dress

That night we went [Dm]down to the [Bb]river And [C]into the river we'd [F]dive
Oh [Dm]down to the [Bb]river we did [C]ride [Bb]

INSTRUMENTAL OVER VERSE Harmonica or Kazoo

I [Dm]got a job working [F]construction for the [C]Johnstown Compan-[Bb]y
But [Dm]lately there ain't been [F]much work on [Bb]account of the econom-[F]y
Now [Bb]all them things that seemed so important
Well mister they [F]vanished right [C]into the [Dm] air
Now I [Gm]just act like I don't remember Mary [F]acts like she don't [Bb]care

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

That sends [Dm]me down to the [Bb]river Though I [C]know the river is [F]dry
That sends [Dm]me down to the [Bb]river [C]tonight [Bb]
Down [Dm]to the [Bb] river my [C]baby and [F]I
Oh [Dm]down to the [Bb]river we [C]ride [Bb]

[Dm] /// [Bb] /// [C] /// [F] /// [Dm] /// [Bb] /// [Dm] ///
Ooh.. (OVER CHORUS) x 2

END ON Dm