

The River - Bruce Springsteen

INTRO || Em | G | D | C G |
 | Am | G | C | C ||

VERSE 1

|| Em | G | D | C(9) |
I Come from down in the Valley, Where Mister, when you're Young
| Em | G | C | G |
They Bring you up to Do like your Daddy done
| C | C | G / D / | Em |
Me and Mary we met in High school, When she was just seventeen
| Ami | G | C | C |
We'd drive out of this valley down to where the fields were green

CHORUS

|| Em | C | D | G |
We'd go Down to the River, And into the river we'd dive
| Em | C | D | C(9) ||
Oh down to the river we'd ride

VERSE 2

|| Em | G | D | C(9) |
Then I got Mary pregnant, And man, that was all she wrote
| Em | G | C | G |
And for my 19th birthday I got a union card and a wedding coat
| C | C | G / D / | Em |
We went down to the courthouse, And the judge put it all to rest
| Ami | Ami | G | C ||
No wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle, No flowers, no wedding dress

CHORUS

(Harp solo) || Em | G | D | C(9) |
Em	G	C	G	
C	C	G D	Em	
Am	Am	G	C	

VERSE 3

|| Em | G | D | C(9) |

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 | C | G / D / | Em |

Now all them things that seemed so important, Well mister they vanished right into the air

| Ami | Ami | G | C ||

Now I just act like I don't remember, Mary acts like she don't care.

VERSE 4

|| Em | G | D | C(9) |

But I remember us riding in my brother's car, Her body tan & wet down at the reservoir

| Em | G | C | G |

At night on them banks I'd lie awake, & pull her close just to feel each breath she'd take

| C | C | G / D / | Em |

Now those memories come back to haunt me, They haunt me like a curse

| Ami | Ami | G | C ||

Is a dream a lie if it don't come true, Or is it something worse.

CHORUS

|| Em | C | D | G |

That sends me down to the river

| Em | C | D | C(9) ||

Though I know the river is dry

|| Em | C | D | G |

That sends me down to the river tonight

| Em | C | D | C(9) ||

Down to the river my baby and I.

(to fade out)