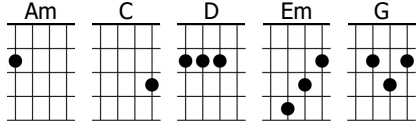


The River

Bruce Springsteen



I **Em** come from down in the **G** valley where **D** mister, when you're **C** young
They **Em** bring you up to **G** do, **C** like your daddy **G** done
Me and **C** Mary we met in **nc** high school, when **1/2G** she was just **1/2D**
seven **Em** teen
We'd **Am** drive out of this **nc** valley down to **G** where the fields were **C** green

We'd go **Em** down to the **C** river and **D** into the river we'd **G** dive
Oh, **Em** down to the **C** river we'd **D** ride **C**

Then **Em** I got Mary **G** pregnant and **D** man, that was all she **C** wrote
And **Em** for my 19th **G** birthday I got a union **C** card and a wedding **G** coat
We **C** went down to the | courthouse and the **1/2G** judge put it **1/2D** all to **Em**
rest
No **Am** wedding day smiles, no | walk down the aisle, no **G** flowers, no wedding **C**
dress

That night we went **Em** down to the **C** river and **D** into the river we'd **G** dive
Oh, **Em** down to the **C** river we did **D** ride **C**

Em G D C Em G C G
C | 1/2G 1/2D Em Am | G C |

I **Em** got a job working con**G**struction for the **D** Johnstown Compa**C**ny
But **Em** lately there ain't been **G** much work on ac**C**count of the econo**G**my
Now **C** all them things that seemed so im**|**portant
Well, mister **1/2G** they vanished **1/2D** right into the **Em** air
Now I just **Am** act like I don't re**|**member, Mary **G** acts like she don't **C** care

But I re**Em**member us riding in my **G** brother's car, her body **D** tan and wet down
at the **C** reservoir

At **Em** night on them banks I'd **G** lie awake and pull her **C** close just to feel each
G breath she'd take

Now those **C** memories come back to | haunt me, they **1/2G** haunt me **1/2D** like a
Em curse

Is a **Am** dream a lie if it | don't come true or **G** is it something **C** worse

That sends me **Em** down to the **C** river, though I **D** know the river is **G** dry

That sends me **Em** down to the **C** river to **D** night **C**

Em Down to the **C** river my **D** baby and **G** I

Oh, **Em** down to the **C** river we **D** ride, **C** ooh

Em C D G Em C C

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