

# 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

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

Chorus

That night we went down...

Solo (harp) over 1 Verse, starts like intro

Hammond organ starts playing chords lying around note e

I got a job working construction for the Johnstown Company

But lately there ain't been much work on account of the economy  
Now all them things that seemed so important  
Well mister they vanished right into the air  
Now I just act like I don't remember  
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  
Though I know the river is dry,  
That sends me down to the river tonight

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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