**The river.**

**Bruce Springsteen.**

[Intro]

Em G D C Am G C C

[Verse]

Em G D C

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

 Am Am G 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

Oh down to the river we’d ride

[Verse]

Em G D C

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

 Am Am

No wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle

 G C

No flowers, no wedding dress

[Chorus]

Em C

That night we went down to the river

 D G

And into the river we'd dive

Em C D C

Oh down to the river we did ride

[Solo]

|| Em | G | D | C ||

|| Em | G | C | G ||

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

|| Am | Am | G | C |C ||

[Verse]

 Em G D C

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

Now all them things that seemed so important

 G / D Em

Well mister they vanished right into the air

 Am Am G C

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

[Bridge]

 Em G D

But I remember us riding in my brother's car Her body tan and wet down at

 C Em G

the reservoir At night on them banks I'd lie awake

 C G

And pull her close just to feel each breath she'd take

 C C

Now those memories come back to haunt me

 G / D Em

They haunt me like a curse

 Am Am 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 Though I know the river is dry

 Em C D C

That sends me down to the river tonight

 Em C D G

Down to the river my baby and I

Em C D C

Oh down to the river we ride Ooh..

[Outro] Ad lib - Fade out

Em C D G

Em C D C

Etc…