**The River** (Bruce Springsteen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAB4vOkL6cE>

Em G D C Em G C

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 Em

when she was just seventeen

Am G C

We'd drive out of this valley, down to where the fields were green

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

Em G

Then I got Mary pregnant,

D C

and man that was all she wrote

Em G C G

And for my nineteenth birthday, I got a union card, and a wedding coat

C

We went down to the courthouse,

G D Em

and the judge put it all to rest

Am

No wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle,

G C

no flowers, no wedding dress

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'd ride

Em G D C Em G C G C G D Em Am G C

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

Now, all them things that seemed so important,

G D Em

well, mister they vanished right into the air

Am

Now I just act like I don't remember;

G C

Mary acts like she don't care

Em G

But I remember us riding in my brother's car,

D C

her body tan and wet down at the reservoir

Em G

At night on them banks I'd lie awake,

C G

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

C Em

Now those memories come back to haunt me,

G D Em

they haunt me like a curse

Am

Is a dream a lie if it don't come true,

G C

or is it something worse?

Em C

That sends me down to the river,

D G

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

Em C D G Em C D C

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