

## The River Bruce Springsteen (F)

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[Dm] [F] [C] [Bb] [Dm] [F] [Bb]

[Dm] I come from down in the [F] valley where [C] mister when you're [Bb] young  
They [Dm] bring you up to [F] do [Bb] like your daddy [F] done  
Me and [Bb] Mary we met in high school when [F] she was just [Am] seven[Dm]teen  
We'd [Gm] ride out of this valley down to [F] where the fields were [Bb] green

We'd go [Dm] down to the [Bb] river and [C7] into the river we'd [F] dive  
Oh [Dm] down to the [Bb] river we'd [C7] ride [Bb]

Then [Dm] I got Mary [F] pregnant and [C] man that was all she [Bb] wrote  
And [Dm] for my nineteenth [F] birthday I got a union [Bb] card and a wedding [F] coat  
We [Bb] went down to the courthouse and the [F] judge put it [Am] all to [Dm] rest  
No [Gm] wedding day smiles no walk down the aisle no [F] flowers no wedding [Bb] dress  
That night we went

[Dm] Down to the [Bb] river and [C7] into the river we'd [F] dive  
Oh [Dm] down to the [Bb] river we did [C7] ride [Bb]

[Dm] I got a job working con[F]struction for the [C] Johnstown Compa[Bb]ny  
But [Dm] lately there ain't been [F] much work on a[Bb]ccount of the econo[F]my  
Now [Bb] all them things that seemed so important  
Well mister they [F] vanished [Am] right into the [Dm] air  
Now I just [Gm] act like I don't remember Mary [F] acts like she don't [Bb] care

But I re[Dm]member us riding in my [F] brother's car  
Her body [C] tan and wet down at the [Bb] reservoir  
At [Dm] night on them banks I'd [F] lie awake  
And pull her [Bb] close just to feel each [F] breath she'd take  
Now those [Bb] memories come back to haunt me  
They [F] haunt me [Am] like a [Dm] curse  
Is a [Gm] dream a lie if it don't come true  
Or [C] is it something [Bb] worse that sends me

[Dm] Down to the [Bb] river though I [C7] know the river is [Bb] dry  
That sends me [Dm] down to the [Bb] river to[C7]night [Bb]  
[Dm] Down to the [Bb] river my [C7] baby and [Bb] I  
Oh [Dm] down to the [Bb] river we [C7] ride [Bb] [F]

