

The River chords
Bruce Springsteen

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

