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River

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Medium Folk Tempo

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The right hand plays a series of chords: F/C, C, F/C, C, F/C, C. The left hand plays a simple eighth-note bass line.

Chord diagrams for the first system:

- F/C:
- C:
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- C:
- F/C:
- C:

It's com-in' on — Christ-mas, they're cut-tin' down — trees. They're put-tin' up rein-deer — and sing-in'

The first system of the song features a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. The piano part continues with the same chord sequence as the introduction.

Chord diagrams for the second system:

- F/C:
- C:
- Am:

To Coda ⊕

songs of joy — and peace, Oh, I wish I had a riv - er, I could skate — a -

The second system of the song continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes the Am chord.

Chord diagrams for the third system:

- G:
- F/C:
- C:
- F/C:
- C:

way on, But it don't snow — here; stays pret-ty green. — I'm gon-na

The third system of the song concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes the G chord.

make a lot of mon-ey, then I'm gon-na quit — this cra - zy scene, I wish I had a riv - er

I could skate _ a - way _ on. I wish I had a riv-er _ so long _

I would teach my _ feet to fly _

Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could _ skate a - way _ on.

F/C C Am

I made my ba - by cry —

G F G F/C C

He tried hard - to help - me, you know, he

F/C C F/C C F/C C

put me at ease - and he loved me so naugh-ty, made me weak in the knees, Oh, I wish I had a

Am G

riv - er I could - skate a - way on -



I'm so hard to han-dle, I'm self-ish and I'm sad, Now I've gone and lost the best ba - by that I



ev - er had. Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on.



I wish I had a riv - er so long I would



teach my feet to fly.



Oh I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way



on. I made my ba - by say good-bye.




D.S. al Coda

It's

Coda

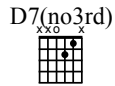


way



on. _____





rit. *molto rit.* *p*