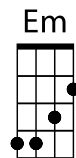


The River - Bruce Springsteen

[Em] [G] [D] [C] [Em] [G] [C]



(Quiet) I [Em] come from down in the [G] valley

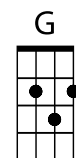
Where [D] mister when you're [C] young

They [Em] bring you up to [G] do [C] like your daddy [G] done

Me and [C] Mary we met in high school

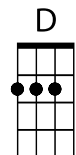
When [G] she was just [D] seven[Em]teen

We'd [Am] ride out of this valley down to [G] where the fields were [C] green



(Louder) We'd go [Em] down to the [C] river and [D] into the river we'd

[G] Dive, Oh [Em] down to the [C] river we'd [D] ride [C]



Then [Em] I got Mary preg[G]nant and [D] man that was all she [C] wrote

And [Em] for my nineteenth [G] birthday

I got a union [C] card and a wedding [G] coat

We [C] went down to the courthouse

And the [G] judge put it [D] all to [Em] rest

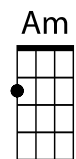
No [Am] wedding day smiles no walk down the aisle

No [G] flowers no wedding [C] dress... / that night we went



[Em] Down to the [C] river and [D] into the river we'd [G] dive

Oh [Em] down to the [C] river we did [D] ride [C]



(Inst verse) [Em] [G] [D] [C] [Em] [G] [C] [G] [C] [G] [D] [Em] [Am] [G] [C] [C]

I [Em] got a job working con[G]struction for the [D] Johnstown Company [C]

But [Em] lately there ain't been [G] much work on

A[C]ccount of the econo[G]my

Now [C] all them things that seemed so important

Well mister [G] they vanished right [D] into the [Em] air

Now I just [Am] act like I don't remember Mary [G] acts like she don't [C] care

But I re[Em]member us riding in my [G] brother's car

Her body [D] tan and wet down at the [C] reservoir

At [Em] night on them banks I'd [G] lie awake

And pull her [C] close just to feel each [G] breath she'd take

Now those [C] memories come back to haunt me

They [G] haunt me [D] like a [Em] curse

Is a [Am] dream a lie if it don't come true

Or [G] is it something [C] worse that sends me

[Em] Down to the [C] river though I [D] know the river is [G] dry

That sends me [Em] down to the [C] river to[D]night [C]

[Em] Down to the [C] river my [D] baby and [G] I

Oh [Em] down to the [C] river we [D] ride [C] **(repeat last chorus)** [Em]/