

# **Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band**

## **"The River"**

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i come from down in the vally  
where mr. when you're young  
they bring you up to do  
like your dad has done  
me and mery we met in high school  
when she was just 17  
we'd ride out of this vally  
down to where the fields were green  
we go down to the river  
and into the river we'd dive  
down to the river  
we'd ride  
then i got mery pregnant  
and man, that was all she wrote  
and for my 19th birthday  
i got a union card and a wedding coat  
we went down to the courthouse  
and the judge put it all to rest  
no wedding day smiles  
no walk down the aisle  
no flowers, no wedding dress  
at night we went down to the river  
and into the river we'd dive  
down to the river  
we'd ride  
i got a job work in construction  
for the jhonstown company  
but lately there ain't been much work  
on the account of the acconomy  
now all them things that seemed so important  
well mr. they vanished right into the air  
now i just act like i don't remember  
and mery acts like she don't care  
but i remember us riding in my brothers car  
her body tan and wet  
down at the reservoir  
at night on them banks i lie awake  
and pull her close just to feel each breath she takes  
now those memories come back to haunt me  
they haunt me like a curse  
is a dream a lie if it don't come true  
or is it something worse

that sends me down to river  
oh i know the river is dry  
that sends me down to river tonight  
down to river my baby and i  
oh down to river we'd ride

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