

## Jason Robert Brown "The River Won't Flow"

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I left my home at fifteen  
I wore this very same coat  
My mama said, "Son, if you stay on this path,  
You'll find a river full of money where the rich fish flow"  
I said, "I'll catch me them fish"  
And I've searched low and searched high  
Well, I've seen more water than Columbus had seen  
I found me this lake that was greener than green  
I said, "Mama, I know this is what you mean"  
But when I bent for a sip, the river ran dry  
The river won't flow for me no no no  
The river won't flow for me no no no no  
I live my life on the up and up  
And this is where I was meant to be  
But the river don't  
The river won't  
Flow for me  
I never had me no house  
I never had me no phone  
I never had much that I didn't have to go  
And fight for the right to call it my own  
I don't expect any help  
I don't expect nothing free  
It's not about being any righteous man  
It's not about God and the master plan  
It's not about doing the best I can  
No, this corner was where I was meant to be  
Cause the river won't flow for me no no no  
The river won't flow for me no no no no  
It's just one of the little lessons  
That I learned on my Mama's knee

The river don't  
The river won't  
Flow for me  
It's all luck,  
It's just luck  
There's no way you can rig the game because  
It's all luck,  
It's just luck  
The sinner and the saint could wind up the same cause  
It's all luck,

It's just luck  
That decides between the noose and the knife  
It's all luck,  
It's just luck  
When you're begging to switch  
With some rich son-of-a-bitch  
Who ain't never done nothing to deserve that life  
It seems so easy to run  
Until there's nowhere to go  
You never get much for the dues you pay  
You never go far on the easy way  
There isn't much choice  
But to kneel and pray  
For the river, the river, the river  
To flow, flow, flow, flow, flow  
Flow, flow, flow, flow, flow, flow  
Flow  
But the river won't flow for you no no no  
The river won't flow for you no no no no  
You gotta live how you gotta live  
You gotta do what you gotta do  
Cause the river  
The river don't  
The river won't  
The river can't  
Ain't never ever gonna flow for you  
Never gonna flow for you  
Never gonna flow for you  
Never gonna flow for you

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