

# Jimmy Nail "Big River"

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Walking on cobbled stones  
Little bits of skin and bone  
Jumping on a tram car for a ride

I can remember then  
'Cause I was a just a boy of ten  
Hanging around the old Quayside

Now all the capstans and the cargo boats  
And Stevedores are gone  
To where all the old ships go  
But memories, just like the sea live on

'Cause that was when coal was King  
The river was a living thing  
And I was just a boy but it was mine  
The coal Tyne

For this was a big river  
I want you all to know  
That I was proud

This was a big river  
But that was long ago  
That's not now  
That's not now

My father was a working man  
He earned our living with his hands  
He had to cross the river every day

He picked up a Union card  
Out of the Neptune yard  
Mouths to feed and bills to pay

There came a time for him to sail  
Across the sea and far away  
And finally when that war was won  
You brought him home and home he stayed

And when his days were done  
Under a golden sun

You took him back to where he longed to be  
Back to the sea

For this was a big river  
I want you all to know  
That I was proud

This was a big river  
But that was long ago  
That's not now  
That's not now

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The Neptune was the last to go  
I heard it on my radio  
And then they played  
The latest number one

But what do they do all day  
And what are they supposed to say  
What does a father tell his son?

If you believe that there's a bond  
Between our future and our past  
Try to hold on to what we have  
We build them strong, we built to last

'Cause this is a mighty town  
Build upon a solid ground  
And everything they've tried so hard to kill  
We will rebuild

For this is a big river  
I want you all to know  
I'm so very proud

This is a big river  
But that was long ago  
That's not now

And this is a big, big river  
And in my heart I know  
It will rise again  
The river will rise again

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