

## **Kathy Mar**

# **"Drink Up The River"**

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I was sitting by a river when the thought occurred to me  
There are a hundred thousand rivers that we never  
even see  
They are the boundaries of all we know of truth and  
right and wrong  
And I have written some examples for you here within  
my song  
Some are bridged and some are forded, some are  
swollen from the rains  
Some are the ultimate result of all our joy and all our  
pains  
But when the rivers in your life are full and starting to  
wash down  
You've got to drink up the river before you drown

Chorus: You've got to drink up the river,  
You've got to drink up the river,  
You've got to drink up the river before you drown  
You've got to drink up the river,  
You've got to drink up the river,  
You've got to drink up the river before you drown!

And through our nation's history, her times of peace  
and war  
An overwhelming wave of misery has washed up on our  
shore  
They did not ask for any fortune, just a corner and a  
plate  
And how they shone with pride and honor as they made  
our country great  
But migrants now are deportees, and more are turned  
away  
We've forgotten it's the immigrants who made our  
fame today  
Our salvation is that flood: white, yellow, red, & black &  
brown  
We've got to drink up that river before we drown

Chorus

We are surrounded by technology, a flood that's rising  
still  
And we are praying we'll survive it or we're sure we  
never will  
And all our speed and skill and reach will soon be  
taking us to space  
It's a great day in the morning for our funny human  
race  
But we're frightened of our future and we're scared to  
move along  
So we scream that our technology is dangerous and  
wrong  
Back-to-nature cannot save us but the stars could be  
our crown  
If we can drink up this river before we drown

Chorus

There's a river of humanity that's passing through your  
life  
There is a sea of heavy sorrows and a stream of pain  
and strife  
There is a river of tomorrow that will carry you away  
And there's an ocean full of endless love to fill each  
passing day  
There are rivers all around you in the life you have to  
live  
All the rivers you've been given and the ones you have  
to give  
So sing out this final message to the people all around  
You've got to drink up the river before you drown

Chorus

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