

## Lyfe Jennings "River"

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I was born by the river  
That my momma cried when my daddy died  
Maybe that was the reason I didn't get the attention  
That I was needing to touch  
'Cause I reminded her of him too much

Couldn't understand what she felt so I hated her, yea  
'Til I was old enough to hate myself  
And I felt like a slave down in South Carolina  
Cursing the vagina that gave life to me, oh

I couldn't see what I had the potential to be?  
'Til I got down on my knees and begged God  
To please take control of my life today

'Cause there's no way, there's no way, no way, no way  
I can do it on my own and no matter how my friends try  
to console  
They can never, never know what I go through  
So I turn my heart over completely to you, yes Lord, I  
do

I was born in a hurry  
'Cause my momma had to be back to work at 8:30  
Maybe that was the reason there was always this  
feeling  
That she was rushing herself  
She didn't even have the time to spend loving herself

Let alone, someone else, so I hated her, yeah  
'Cause I loved her, yea and I cried, yea  
Like the Klu Klux Klan at the Million Man March  
Partially broke my spirit, partially broke my heart

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'Til I got down on my knees and begged God  
To please take control of my life today

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