

## The Civil Wars

### "The River"

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I come from down in the valley  
Where mister when you're young  
They bring you up to do, Like your daddy done  
Me and Mary we met in high school,  
She was just seventeen  
We'd drive out of this valley  
Down to where the fields were green

We'd go down to the river  
And into the river we'd dive  
Oh down to the river we'd ride

Then I got Mary Pregnant and man that was all she  
wrote  
And for my nineteenth 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

We'd go down to the river  
And into the river we'd dive  
Oh down to the river we'd ride

I got a job working construction for the Johnstown  
Company  
But lately there ain't been much work on account of the  
economy  
Now all those things that seemed so important  
Well they just vanished in the air  
And I act like I don't remember, Mary acts like she don't  
care  
And I remember us riding in my brother's car  
Her body tan and wet down by the reservoir  
At night on them banks I'd lie awake  
And pull her close to feel each breath she'd take  
Those memories come back to haunt me, well they  
haunt me like a curse  
Is a dream a lie if it don't come true  
Or is it something worse

And We'd go down to the river  
And into the river we'd dive  
Oh down to the river we'd ride  
Down to the river my baby and I  
Oh down to the river we'd ride  
Yeah Yeah Yeah the river we'd ride

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