

## The Temptations

### "Ol' Man River"

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OL' MAN RIVER

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Here we all work 'long the Mississippi  
Here we all work while the white boys play  
Gettin no rest from the dawn till sunset  
Gettin no rest till the judgment day  
You don't look up, you don't look down  
You don't dare make the rich boss frown  
Bend your knees and bow your head  
And tote that barge until you're dead  
Let me go 'way from the Mississippi  
Let me go 'way from the rich man boss  
Show me that stream called the River Jordan  
That's the old stream that I long to cross  
Ol' Man River, Ol' Man River  
He don't say nothin, he must know somethin  
Ol' Man River, he just keeps rollin' along  
You know, you know he don't plant taters  
And we all know the man don't plant no cotton  
And then, and then what plants 'em, all know is soon  
forgotten  
But Ol' Man River, he just keeps rollin' along  
You, you and me  
You know sometimes we have to we have to sweat,  
sweat and strain  
Our bodies, our bodies are all achin' and wracked with  
a whole lot of pain  
Tote that barge, lift that bale, you get a little drunk  
And you land in ja-ail  
I get weary and so sick of tryin'  
I'm tired of livin', and fraid of dyin'  
But Ol' Man River, he just keeps rollin' a-  
Ol' Man River, he just keeps rollin' along, ooh

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