

## Miriam Makeba

# "Can't Cross Over (River Come Down)"

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The river come down  
The river come down  
River come down  
I can't cross over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

I wanted to go down  
To the other side of town  
There was water all around  
And I couldn't cross over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

Well a gal she come by  
And I give she the eye  
So she started to sigh  
And I couldn't cross over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

The river come down  
The river come down  
River come down  
And I couldn't cross over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

Now bird he can fly  
Foggy jump high  
Fishes never die  
And I couldn't cross over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

A well I stole me a kiss  
I couldn't resist  
Just think what I'd a miss  
If I could have crossed over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

The river come down  
The river come down  
River come down  
And I couldn't cross over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

I had a curiosity  
Now I got a family  
Bouncing baby on my knee  
'Cause I couldn't cross over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

So when you see your neighbor daughter  
Better run for the water  
You'll do things you hadn't ought to  
If you can't cross over  
Why-o, why-o, why-o  
I can't cross over

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