

The River Lyrics by Albert Hammond

"DOWN BY THE RIVER"

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City life was getting us down so we spent a weekend
out town
Pitched our tent on a patch of ground down by the river
Lit a fire and drank some wine you put your jeans on
top of mine
I said: Come in
the water's fine.

Down by the river
down by the river
down by the river

Said: Come in the water's fine down by the river.

Didn't feel too good all night
So we took a walk in the morning light
And came across the strangest sight down by the river
Silver fish lay on its side it was washed up by the early
tide
I wonder how it died?

Down by the river
down by the river
down by the river

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The doctor put us both to bed
He doosed us up and he shook his head
Only foolish people go
he said
down by the river.
The mighty willows weep
said he

Because they're dying gradually.
From the waste from the factories.

Down by the river
down by the river
down by the river

...

And in time the riverbanks will die
The reeds will wilt and the ducks won't fly
There'll be a tear in the otter's eye down by the river
The banks will soon be black and dead
And where the otter raised his head
Will be a clean
white skull instead.

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