

## Justin Tubb

### "Great River Road Mystery"

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(Justin Tubb)

Well, it's still talked about today and it's been seven  
years  
Since the death of pretty Shirley Jones  
They found her out on River Road a belt around her  
neck  
And they called it murder by persons unknown.

Now Shirley's reputation left a lot to be desired  
She used to dance and drink a lot back then  
The sheriff said some drifter likely picked her up that  
night  
And took her out to River Road and done her in.

Well, several people saw her at the Cross Roads Inn  
that night  
They said she seemed so happy and so gay  
But they all said that she left early and she was alone  
And that's why it's still a mystery to this day.

She picked me up just as we planned out where the  
river skirts the edge of town  
Then we drove down on River Road and parked about a  
mile below the dam  
And we were in each other's arms when I felt that cold  
steel behind my head  
And a strange voice whispered do exactly as I say or  
you are dead.

I never saw his face cause I fell back and closed my  
eyes in mortal fright  
But then when I heard her scream I jumped up and ran  
off into the night  
And stumbled blindly through the woods with Shirley's  
screams are ringing in my ears  
And sometimes in my dreams at night I still can hear  
her after all these years.

And to this day I curse myself but if I hadn't run  
Is there a chance I might have changed her fate

And shamefully I still remember gettin' home that night  
And telling my wife sorry I'm so late.

Well, it's still talked about today and it's been seven  
years  
And every time I drive back out that way  
I hear the sheriff say some drifter prob'ly done her in  
And that's why it's still a mystery to this day.

That's why it's still a mystery to this day...

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