

## Tom Waits

# "Misery Is The River of the World"

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The higher that the monkey can climb  
the more he shows his tail  
Call no man happy 'til he dies  
There's no milk at the bottom of the pail  
God builds a church  
The devil builds a chapel  
Like the thistles that are growing  
'round the trunk of a tree  
All the good in the world  
You can put inside a thimble  
And still have room for you and me  
If there's one thing you can say  
About Mankind  
There's nothing kind about man  
You can drive out nature with a pitch fork

But it always comes roaring back again

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For want of a bird  
The sky was lost  
For want of a nail  
A shoe was lost  
For want of a life  
A knife was lost  
For want of a toy  
A child was lost

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Everybody Row!Everybody Row!  
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Everbody Row!Everbody Row!  
Everbody Row!

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