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# River

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Moderately slow  $\text{♩} = 102$

The sheet music consists of ten staves of musical notation. The first two staves show piano/vocal parts with a treble clef, a bass clef, and a key signature of one sharp. Chords shown are D and Bm7. The third staff shows a guitar part with a chord of G(9). The fourth staff shows piano/vocal parts with chords A7 and D/A. The fifth staff shows a guitar part with a chord A7. The sixth staff begins a verse section, indicated by a stylized 'S' symbol. It starts with a piano/vocal line and a guitar chord Em/D. The piano part continues with a treble clef and a bass clef. The eighth staff continues the piano/vocal line with a treble clef. The ninth staff begins with a piano/vocal line and a guitar chord Em/D. The tenth staff begins with a piano/vocal line and a guitar chord D.

**Verse:**  
Em/D      D      Em/D      D      Em/D      D

(1.3.) com-in' on      Christ-mas, they're cut-tin' down      trees.      They're put-tin' up rein-deer \_ and sing-in'

2. See additional lyrics

Em/D      D      Bm

songs of joy and peace. \_      Oh, I wish I had a riv - er      I could \_ skate \_ a -

To Coda  $\Phi$

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A

way on. But it don't snow here;

Em/D

D

Em/D D Em/D D Em/D D

stays pret-ty green. I'm gon-na make a lot of mon-ey, then I'm gon-na quit this cra - zy scene. I

Bm

A

wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on.

G

A

I wish I had a riv - er so long I would



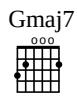
teach my feet to

fly.



Oh, I wish I had a riv - er

I could skate a way



on.

I made my ba - by cry.



12.

Em

2. He

D

A

Gmaj7

Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ I wish I had a riv - er

I could \_ skate a-way \_\_\_\_\_ on.

Em/D

D

I made my \_ ba - by cry. \_\_\_\_\_

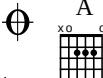
Bm

A

D.S. § al Coda

3. It's

musicnotes

*Coda*

way \_\_\_\_\_ on. \_\_\_\_\_

G

Em7

rit.

*Verse 2:*

He tried hard to help me  
 You know he put me at ease  
 And he loved me so naughty  
 Made me weak in the knees  
 Oh, I wish I had a river  
 I could skate away on  
 I'm so hard to handle  
 I'm selfish and I'm sad  
 Now that I've gone and lost the best baby  
 That I ever had  
 Oh, I wish I had a river  
 I could skate away on  
 I wish I had a river so long  
 I would teach my feet to fly  
 Oh, I wish I had a river  
 I could skate away on  
 I made my baby say good-bye.