Big River (in G)
Johnny Cash (1958)


We'll taught that weepin' willow how to cry cry cry——
Showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky——
The tears I cried for that woman—— gonna flood you big river——
I'm a gonna sit right here ‘til I die——

G . . . . . . | A . . . . . . |
I met her—— acci-dentally—— in St. Paul—— Minne-sota
It tore me up every-time I heard her drawl her southern drawl
Then I heard my dream went back down-stream ca-vortin' in Daven-port
And I followed you big river when you called

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G . . . . . . | A . . . . . . |
Well I followed her down to St. Louie later on—— down the river
A freighter said she's been here but she's gone, boy, she's gone
Well I found her trail in Memphis but she just walked up the bluff
Raised a few eye-brows as she went on down a-lone——
Chorus: G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A . D . . .
I taught that weeping willow how to cry cry cry——
. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A . D . .
Showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky——
G G7 C C7 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
The tears I cried for that woman—— gonna flood you big river——
G D7 G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
I'm gonna sit right here 'til I die——

Instrumental: G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A . D . .
G . . . C C7 G D7 G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A . D . .
Won't you batten down by Baton Rouge, River Queen roll on——
G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . C . . . . . . . . .
Take that woman down to New Orleans, New Orleans
G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Go on, I've had enough dump my blues down in the gulf
G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
She loves you big river more than me——

Outro: G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A . D . .
. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
I taught that weeping willow how to cry cry cry——
. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A . D . .
Showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky
G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Tears I cried for that woman—— gonna flood you big river——
G D7 G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
And I'm gonna sit right here 'til I die——
G D7 G . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
I'm gonna sit right here 'til I die——
G D7 G D G G
I'm gonna sit right here 'til I die——

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