

**Coal River**  
**Bobby Bare**

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**F**                    **Am**                    **D#**  
Manyâ€™s the times Iâ€™ve walked its banks  
**C7**    **F**  
With tearful pride and humble thanks  
   **Am**                    **D#**  
Itâ€™s baptized my soul and made me whole  
**C7**    **F**  
Freed my hands from dirty coal

Many small houses sit on its backs  
Catalogues of dreams and praise of thanks  
Washed my body and cleaned my mind  
Itâ€™s been cruel and itâ€™s been kind

**Gm**    **C7**            **F**  
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**Gm**    **C7**    **F**  
Coal River Iâ€™ve come home

I see my daddy all tired and worn  
A gentleman, yet full of scorn  
We sit on the front porch and watch it (?)  
Dream of knowledge and talk of pain

But that old city got too big for me  
Just like the river our love runs free  
So here I am and here Iâ€™ll stay  
Iâ€™ll just live my life from day to day on  
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