

Down The River
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Bm D
I was 18 my brother was 21
Bm D
One saturday evenin when all the work was done
A G
We went down to the river we had some trot lines to run
Bm D
My brother walter had a fight the week before
Bm D
Knocked a boy named wilson through the pool hall door
A G
They said you dont mess with wilson unless you want a war
Bm D
I put the boat in the water and i made the engine run
Bm D
I loaded the lantern against the sinking sun
A G
And my brother walter was loading his gun
D A Bm
And we went down the river
Bm D
Down past the coal docks we were running our lines
Bm D
Heard some drunken boaters racing up behind
A G
It was wilson and his cousin they had trouble on their minds
Bm D
They passed on by us probably going to tend their pots
Bm D
We headed up the river with the fish we d caught
A G
But before we made the landing i thought i heard a shot
D A Bm
Back down the river
Bm D
My brother walter fell over the side
Bm D
And i couldnt find him no matter how i tried
A G
And i looked along the bank but i couldnt find where they d hide
Bm D
They drug the river they searched it up and down
Bm D
Couldnt find his body so they decided that he d drowned
A G
But i knew better cause wilson bragged around town
Bm D

So one night i floated down right above wilsons shack

Bm **D**

I hid in the woods untill i saw him walk out back

A **G**

I put a bullet in his head and dropped him in his tracks

D **A** **Bm**

Then we went down the river

Bm **D**

Down below the trestle where the water runs slow

Bm **D**

I chained him to an anvil then i let him go

A **G**

And five years later well i aint told a soul

Bm **D**

And i aint done much fishin i hardly wet a line

Bm **D**

The death of my brother is still heavy on my mind

A **G**

I ve been thinking wilsons cousin better find a place to hide

D **A** **Bm** **D** **A** **Bm**

Cause i m goin down the river yeah i m goin down the river