

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