

**Steel River**  
**Chris Rea**

*Intro: G Cadd9 D Em7 G Cadd9 D G (2x)*

*verse 1*

**G** **Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
I was born and raised on steel river  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
I see it all like it was yesterday  
**Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
The ships and bridges were all delivered  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
From Sydney harbour to the Cisco bay

**G Cadd9 D Em7 G Cadd9 D G**

*verse 2*

**G** **Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
And I met my love down on steel river  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
We served our dreams and spent our childhood days  
**Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
In rainy streets we d kiss away the shivers  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G** **G** **G**  
And hide from fears inside the latest craze

Bridge

**Am** **Bm**  
Dancing to Motown  
**D** **C** **Bm** **Am**  
Making love with a Carole King record playing  
**C** **G** **D C Bm Am**  
And oh how I loved you  
**G** **Cadd9 D** **Em7** **G** **Cadd9 D** **G**  
Say goodbye steel river steel river

**G Cadd9 D Em7 G Cadd9 D G (2x)**

*verse 3*

**G** **Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
Ten thousand bombers hit the steel river  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
And many died to keep her running free  
**Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
And she survived but now she s gone forever  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
Her burning heart is just a memory

verse 4

**G** **Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
And I ran away from life on steel river  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
Luck or not I gladly took the break  
**Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
The odds were low the chances nearly zero  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
A chance it was I had to take

**G Cadd9 D Em7 G Cadd9 D G (2x)**

Verse 5

**G** **Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
They say that salmon swim in steel river  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
They say it s good to see them back again  
**Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
I know it hurts to see what really happened  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
I know one salmon ain t no good to them

Verse 6

**G** **Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
They were born and raised to serve their steel mother  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
It was they taught and all they ever knew  
**Cadd9** **D** **Em7**  
And they believed that she would keep their children  
**G** **Cadd9** **D** **G**  
Even though not a single word was true

Bridge 2 and outro

**G Cadd9 D Em7**  
Say goodbye steel river  
**G Cadd9 D G**  
Say goodbye steel river

**G Cadd9 D G (2x)**