

**Life Is A River**  
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Capo On The First Fret.

As I went out walking, on a fine summer day  
Through hills and the valleys  
I soon lost my way  
Till I came to an old man, kneeling down by a stream  
Gazing in to the water, like he was lost in a dream  
In his hand was a picture, he clung to for life  
And his eyes filled with tears, as he tried not to cry  
As he looked to the heavens, he started to pray  
In the quiet country side, I could hear the man say

Chorus

Life is a river, I ll go with the flow  
And where it will take me, the Lord only knows  
but I miss you sweetheart, your kindness and love  
But i Know one day, we ll sail away on God s ocean above

He said now young man, you re a stranger to me  
Could I bother you kindly, for your company  
Today I am thinking, of a time long ago  
And I need to tell someone of a girl I love so  
It s 42 years today, since Rose took my hand  
and proudly I loved life, her husband, her man  
till only last week son, God took her away  
As I kissed her softly, these words she did say

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And with that the old man, sent me on my way  
and said by the water I ll kneel for the day  
I look at the river, starting out on it s life,

It s where I feel close to, my beautiful wife