

History Book  
Dry The River

[Intro]

**Eb Gm Bb Bb - Eb Eb Bb F**

(on the third Eb you can slide up to F and then back to Ebmaj7)

[Verse 1]

**Eb Gm**

Like faithful oxen through the chalk,

**Bb Gm**

With dragging tails of history walk.

**Eb Gm Bb Bb**

Soon confuse the compass and the cross.

**Eb Gm Bb Bb Eb Eb Bb F**

Carefully and cursively we fill our traveling diaries with loss.

[Verse 2]

**Eb Gm**

Beneath an angry Bible flood,

**Bb Gm**

Did you and I first learn to love.

**Eb Gm Bb Bb**

In my father's car we came to know.

**Eb Gm Bb Bb Eb Eb Bb F**

And shivered in our painted clothes and paired like every animal below.

[Chorus]

**Gm**

As heavy as a history book can be,

**Bb Eb Bb Dm**

I will carry it with me, oh Lord.

**Gm**

And maybe when the bitterness has gone,

**Bb Eb Bb Dm**

There'll be sweetness on our tongues once more.

[Verse 3]

**Eb Gm**

Barefoot in a rowing boat

**Bb Gm**

You lose your shoes and freeze your toes

**Eb Gm Bb Bb**

And say I wear my sorrow like a crown

**Eb Gm Bb Bb**

And throw your arms around my head, and see it there in gold and brown and

**Eb Eb Bb F**

red

[Chorus]

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[Bridge]

**Ab Eb Bb**

We ll soon forget our parents names,

**Ab Eb Bb**

Like dogs will drive the wolves away.

**Ab Eb**

And weep with fingertips opposed,

**Bb Ab Bb Ab**

Like a church where nobody congregates.

[Middle 8/Outro Verse]

**Cm Eb Bb Ab**

But sweetness sings in the pasture,

**Cm Eb Bb Ab**

We throw ourselves on the mercy of the earth.

**Cm Eb Bb Ab**

If sand and salt have the answer,

**Cm Eb Bb Ab**

Then the act itself will be louder than the word.

**Cm Eb Bb Ab**

And I ll be on your side, and I ll be on your side.

**Cm Eb Bb Ab**

**Cm Eb Bb Ab**

And I ll be on your side, and I ll be on your side.

**Cm Eb Bb Ab**