

**The Ballad Of John Mccrae**  
**Josh Turner**

[Intro]

**Em C G C D Em**

[Verse]

**Em** **C** **G**  
On the banks of the Missouri

**G** **C** **D** **Em**  
Annie Washed up in the clay

**Em** **C** **G**  
And they took her to her father

**G** **C** **D** **Em**  
Told him it was John McCrae

**Em** **C** **G**  
Now I m running through the badlands

**G** **C** **D** **Em**  
Covering my tracks

**Em** **C** **G**  
Northward toward Dakota

**G** **C** **D** **Em**  
With the devil on my back

[Chorus]

**Am** **D** **G**  
Oh, the river flows

**Am** **D** **G**  
To our immortal home  
**B7** **Em**

Oh Annie, oh my soul

[Instrumental]

**Em C G C D Em**

[Verse]

**Em** **C** **G**  
Well I took her down by the stream side

**G** **C** **D** **Em**  
For to make that girl my bride

**Em** **C** **G**  
But in the fold of her pretty white dress

**G** **C** **D** **Em**  
Lay her father s bowie knife

**Em** **C** **G**  
Well she pulled that steel blade on me

**G** **C** **D** **Em**  
Told me she would take my life

**Em** **C** **G**  
So I pushed her into the river

**G**            **C**            **D**            **Em**  
She went under with the tide

[Chorus]

**Am**            **D**            **G**  
Oh, the river flows  
**Am**            **D**            **G**  
To our immortal home  
**B7**                            **Em**  
Oh Annie, oh my soul

[Verse]

**Em**    **C**            **G**  
I am standing at the gallows  
**G**            **C**                            **D**            **Em**  
And the scaffold it is high  
**Em**    **C**            **G**  
And the hangman asked my last words  
**G**                            **C**                            **D**            **Em**  
Before I m condemned to die  
**Em**    **C**            **G**  
So I begged God,