

Harlem River Blues
Justin Townes Earle

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JTE plays with capo on 3rd fret (see Youtube and Letterman), but I play it on the 1st fret, or even without

INTRO: **G / G/C / G / G/C / G / G/C / G**

CHORUS

G **C**
Lord, I m goin uptown to the Harlem River to drown
G **D** **G**
Dirty water s gonna cover me over and I m not gonna make a sound

VERSE 1

G **C**
I m on a roll, mama, I gotta go, I gotta get there while I still can
G **D**
Troubled days are behind me now and I know they re gonna let me in [melody rises]

G **C**
So when you see me walkin up the empty yard, just a-singin and a-clappin my hands
G **D** **G**
G/C G G/C G
Tell my mama I love her, tell my father I tried, give my money to my baby to spend

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VERSE 2

G **C**
Good times come and they go, even a good man ll break
G **D**
He ll let his troubles bury him whole even though he knows what s at stake [melody rises]
G **C**
So I m taking no chances, carrying over while I m still good in His grace
G **D** **G G/**
C G G/C G
I m no fool, mama, I know the difference between tempting and choosing my fate

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[No chords, or just lightly only strummed on last chorus]

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