**Farewell To The Gold**
**Nic Jones**

[Verse]
**C G Am Em**
Shotover River, your gold it is waningÂ
**F G C G**
It s weeks since the color I ve seen.Â
**C G Am Em**
But it s no use just sitting and Lady Luck blamingÂ
**F G Am**
I ll pack up and make the break clean.Â

[Chorus]
**G C G**
Farewell to the gold that never I found,Â
**Am F G** Â Â Â
Goodbye to the nuggets that somewhere abound;Â
**C G Am Em**
For it s only when dreaming that I see you gleamingÂ
Â **F G C** Â Â Â Â Â Â Â
Down in the dark deep underground.Â

[Verse]
**C G Am Em**
It s nearly two years since I left my old motherÂ
**F G C G**
For adventure and gold by the pound.Â
**C G Am Em**
With Jimmy the prospector, he was another,Â
**F G Am**
For the hills of Otago was bound.Â

**C G Am Em**
Well we worked the Cardrona s dry valley all overÂ
**F G C G**
Old Jimmy Williams and me.Â
**C G Am Em**
They were panning good dirt on the winding ShotoverÂ
**F G Am**
So we drifted down there just to see.Â

**C G Am Em**
We sluiced and we cradled for day after dayÂ
**F G C G**
Barely making enough to get by;Â
**C G Am Em**
Til a terrible flood swept poor Jimmy awayÂ
**F G Am**
During six stormy days in July