

River Man
Nick Drake

RIVERMAN- Nick Drake

[Verse]

Add9

Bm9 Gmadd4

Betty came by on her way

G

Said she had a word to say

Badd9

Bout things today and the falling leaves

Bm9 Gmadd4

Said she hadn t heard the news

G

Hadn t had the time to choose

Badd9

A way to lose what she believes

[Chorus]

Gonna see the riverman

Gonna tell him all I can

About the plan for my return

If he tells me all he knows

Bout the way his river flows

And all night shows in summertime

[Verse]

Betty said she prayed today

For the sky to blow away

Or maybe stay, she wasn t sure

For when she thought of summer end

Calling for her mind again

She lost the pain, and stayed for more

[Chorus]

Gonna see the riverman

Gonna tell him all I can

About the ban on feeling free

If he tells me all he knows

Bout the way his river flows

I don t suppose there s one for me

Oh how they come and go

Oh how they come and go

	Badd9	Bm9	Gmadd4	G
E	0	x	x	x
B	2	0	3	1
G	4	5	3	2
D	2	2	5	3
A	0	0	3	3
E	0	0	3	1

PICKING PATTERN (in Aadd9 but repeat for each chord):

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E -----|-----|
B ---2---2-----2---|---2---2-----2---|
G ---4---4-----4---|---4---4-----4---|
D ---2---2-2-----2-2-|---2---2-2-----2-2-|
A ---0---0-----0---|---0---0-----0---|
E -0---0-----0-0-----|0---0-----0-0-----|

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NOTES: Play with capo on the third fret. Of course, no Nick Drake song could be easy to play. This song is in 5/4 time, so there is an extra beat. It is extremely tricky to play correctly as a result. The key to this song is in the timing.

Version 2

River man - Nick Drake
Album - Five leaves left

I have figured out how I can play that song and not what Nick s doing. First of all, I m not so good at playing, and second, I can t hear it exact enough. Of this song I only give the chords because I don t have any feeling how to fingerpick it. Any suggestions welcome.

[Intro:]

C#m | **C#sus4** | **C#m** | **C#sus4** |

[Verse]

C#m

Betty came by on her way

B

Said she has a word to say

A

About things today

F#

And fallen leaves

Said she hadn t heard the news
Hadn t had the time to choose

A way to lose
But she believes

[Chorus]

Going to see the river man
Going to tell him all I can
About the plan
For lilac time

If he tells me all he knows
About the way his river flows
And all night shows
In summertime

[Verse]

Betty said she prayed today
For the sky to blow away
Or maybe stay
She wasn't sure

For when she thought of summer rain
Calling for her mind again
She lost the pain
And stayed for more

[Chorus]

Going to see the river man
Going to tell him all I can
About the ban
On feeling free

If he tells me all he knows
About the way his river flows
I don't suppose
It's meant for me

[Outro:]

Bm and Bsus4 (I know, I'm not very exact at this point but I mostly skip it)

Oh, how they come and go
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Any comments, suggestions can be mailed to : bike@hacktic.nl or posted in
this newsgroup.