

**Ol Man River**  
**Paul Robeson**

[Intro]

**G** **C**  
There s an old man called the Mississippi  
**G** **D7**  
That s the old man that I wants to be  
**Em** **Am**  
What does he care if the world s got troubles  
**Em** **Am** **D7** **G**  
What does he care if the land ain t free

[Verse 1]

**G** **C** **G** **C**  
Ol Man River, that Ol Man River,  
**G** **C** **G** **C**  
he don t say nothin , but he must know somethin ,  
**D** **D7** **D** **D7** **G** **C G C**  
he just keeps rollin , he keeps on rollin along.

**G** **C** **G** **C**  
He don t plant tatters, and he don t plant cotton,  
**G** **Bm** **Em** **F#7**  
and them what plants em, are soon forgotten  
**D** **Am** **D** **C** **G** **C G**  
But Ol Man River, just keeps rollin along.

[Chorus]

**Bm** **Em** **Bm** **Em**  
You and me, we sweat and strain,  
**Bm** **Em** **Bm** **Em**  
body all achin and racked with pain.  
**Bm** **F#7** **Bm** **F#7**  
Tote that barge and lift that bail,  
**Bm** **F#7** **Bm** **Am** **D**  
you get a little drunk and you lands in jail.

[Outro]

**G** **C** **G** **C**  
I gets weary, and sick of trying,  
**G** **Am** **Em** **A7**  
I m tired of livin , but I m scared of dyin ,  
**G** **Em** **Am** **D7** **G** **C G**  
but Ol Man River, he just keeps rollin along.