

Ol Man River
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[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.