

Ol Man River
Paul Robeson

[Intro]

G# **C#**
There s an old man called the Mississippi
G# **Eb7**
That s the old man that I wants to be
Fm **Bbm**
What does he care if the world s got troubles
Fm **Bbm** **Eb7** **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 ,
Eb **Eb7** **Eb** **Eb7** **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# **Cm** **Fm** **G7**
and them what plants em, are soon forgotten
Eb **Bbm** **Eb** **C#** **G#** **C#** **G#**
But Ol Man River, just keeps rollin along.

[Chorus]

Cm **Fm** **Cm** **Fm**
You and me, we sweat and strain,
Cm **Fm** **Cm** **Fm**
body all achin and racked with pain.
Cm **G7** **Cm** **G7**
Tote that barge and lift that bail,
Cm **G7** **Cm** **Bbm** **Eb**
you get a little drunk and you lands in jail.

[Outro]

G# **C#** **G#** **C#**
I gets weary, and sick of trying,
G# **Bbm** **Fm** **Bb7**
I m tired of livin , but I m scared of dyin ,
G# **Fm** **Bbm** **Eb7** **G#** **C#** **G#**
but Ol Man River, he just keeps rollin along.