

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

[Intro]

**A** **D**  
There s an old man called the Mississippi  
**A** **E7**  
That s the old man that I wants to be  
**F#m** **Bm**  
What does he care if the world s got troubles  
**F#m** **Bm** **E7** **A**  
What does he care if the land ain t free

[Verse 1]

**A** **D** **A** **D**  
Ol Man River, that Ol Man River,  
**A** **D** **A** **D**  
he don t say nothin , but he must know somethin ,  
**E** **E7** **E** **E7** **A** **D A D**  
he just keeps rollin , he keeps on rollin along.

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

[Chorus]

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

[Outro]

**A** **D** **A** **D**  
I gets weary, and sick of trying,  
**A** **Bm** **F#m** **B7**  
I m tired of livin , but I m scared of dyin ,  
**A** **F#m** **Bm** **E7** **A** **D A**  
but Ol Man River, he just keeps rollin along.