

**This Ol Riverboat**  
**The New Christy Minstrels**

[Intro]

**G**

[Verse]

**C** **G**  
This ol riverboat walkin up the river

**C** **D**  
Keep her steady as you go

**G**  
Heave the lead and pay the line

**C** **D**  
Now we re markin on the twine

**C** **D**  
Four fathoms below

**C** **D** **G**  
Way up the river we go

**C** **G**  
This ol riverboat walkin by the levee

**C** **D**  
Keep her steady as you go

**G**  
Think I hear the captain say

**C**  
Full ahead we re on our way

**D**  
Three fathoms below

**C** **D** **G**  
Way up the river we go

**Em** **G**  
Keep on a-movin gotta beat ol Dixie

**Em** **A**  
Or we ll come back empty I know

**Em** **C** **D**  
Way down the river I can hear her whistle blow

**G** **C** **G**  
This ol riverboat churnin muddy water

**C** **D**  
Ease er down and take it slow

**G** **Em**  
Can t you hear that rumblin sound

**C** **D**  
Lord, I think we ve run aground

**C** **D**  
No fathoms below

C D G  
You d better pray it ain t so

Em G  
We re muckin bottom, and here comes ol Dixie  
Em A  
Singin who s got that cotton to sell?

Em  
Ah, but when she s passin  
C D  
We re risin high on her swell

We re on the move again

G C G  
These two riverboats, racin up the river  
C D  
Then ol Dixie runs aground  
G  
There she stands high and dry  
C D  
And we re walkin right on by  
C D  
I can see the lights of town  
C D G  
We re gonna roll that cotton down

Em G Em A  
Em C D

G C G  
This ol riverboat seen a lot of water  
C D  
Lot of cotton, you can bet  
G  
You can ask anyone you meet  
C D  
They say she can t be beat  
C D  
She ain t never been yet  
C B  
Can t you hear that whistle blow  
C D G  
Way up the river we go

C D G  
Walkin up the river we go  
C D G  
Up and down the river we go