

**The Motherlode**  
**The Staves**

Capo 2

[Intro]

**D(add2) E** (2x)

[Verse]

**C#m E**  
Counting the winters, numb to the cold  
**C#m E**  
Searching the valley, for secrets untold  
**C#m E**  
The mountains are children, to someone so old  
**D(add2) E**  
A king without kingdom or throne  
**D(add2) E**  
Digging the mud and the stone  
**C#m E**  
All men have left here but you have remained  
**C#m E**  
At the banks of the river, forever the same  
**C#m E**  
Though no water flows here, the memory stays  
**D(add2) E**  
As long as it stays you are here  
**D(add2) E**  
Heartbroken year after year

[Chorus 1]

**E**  
People running away, running like strangers day after day  
**C#m E**  
Leave him alone  
**B C#m B C#m D C#m B C#m A E**  
Golden river running from her home

[Verse]

**C#m E**  
The sun was an altar, before which he knelt  
**C#m E**  
And raised up the dagger, that hung from his belt  
**C#m E**  
He cursed his delusions and the sadness he felt  
**D(add2) E**  
Weeping at what he'd become,  
**D(add2) E**  
just a fool in the gold of the sun

[Chorus 2]

**E**  
People running away, running like strangers day after day

**C#m** **E**  
Leave him alone

**B C#m B C#m D C#m B C#m A**  
Golden river running from her home (4x)

[Ending]

**E**