

# The River

Bruce Springsteen

♩ = 100

Voice

Guitar

Tab

5

I come from down in the

Em

10

val - ley\_ where mis-ter when you're young They bring you up\_ to do

G D C Em G

2  
15

like your dad dy done Me and Mary we met in high school and

C G C

TAB: 3 0 2 3 2 | 3 0 3 0 0 | 3 0 2 3 0 0 | 3 0 2 3 2 0

19

she was just sev-en - teen We'd drive out of this val ley\_ down to

G D/F# Em Am

TAB: 0 0 2 0 2 | 0 2 0 2 0 | 2 1 2 2 2 | 2 1 2 2 2

23

where the fields are green We'd go down to the

G C Em

TAB: 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 2 3 2 0 | 0 2 3 2 0 | 0 2 0 2 0

27

riv - er and in - to the riv - er we'd dive Oh oh oh

C D G

TAB: 0 2 3 2 0 | 0 3 2 0 3 2 3 | 0 0 0 0 0 | 3 0 2

30

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Down to the River We Did Ride'. It consists of three staves: a vocal line, a guitar line, and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line starts with the lyrics 'down to the river we'd ride'. The guitar line features chords Em, C, D, and C. The bass line provides a rhythmic accompaniment with various fret numbers and techniques like palm muting.

down to the riv - er we'd ride

Em C D C

T  
A  
B

I come from down in the valley  
 Where mister when you're young  
 I come from down in the valley  
 Where mister when you're young  
 They bring you up to do like your daddy done  
 Me and Mary we met in high school  
 When she was just seventeen  
 We'd drive out of this valley down to where the fields were green

We'd go down to the river  
 And into the river we'd dive  
 Oh down to the river we'd ride

Then I got Mary pregnant  
 And man that was all she wrote  
 And for my nineteenth birthday I got a union card and a wedding coat  
 We went down to the courthouse  
 And the judge put it all to rest  
 No wedding day smiles no walk down the aisle  
 No flowers no wedding dress

That night we went down to the river  
 And into the river we'd dive  
 Oh down to the river we did ride

I got a job working construction for the Johnstown Company  
 But lately there ain't been much work on account  
 of the economy  
 Now all them things that seemed so important  
 Well mister they vanished right into the air  
 Now I just act like I don't remember  
 Mary acts like she don't care

But I remember us riding in my brother's car  
 Her body tan and wet down at the reservoir  
 At night on them banks I'd lie awake  
 And pull her close just to feel each breath she'd take  
 Now those memories come back to haunt me  
 They haunt me like a curse  
 Is a dream a lie if it don't come true  
 Or is it something worse  
 That sends me down to the river  
 Though I know the river is dry  
 That sends me down to the river tonight  
 Down to the river  
 My baby and I  
 Oh down to the river we ride