



River – Joni Mitchell Chorus-LIGHT + piano

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A **Flowing ballad** ♩ = 96

mp

High

pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

mf

Mid

pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

mp

Low

pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

C **A^{m7}** **F^{Δ9}**

Piano Solo
Advanced

14 C

H
I could skate a - way _____ on _____ But it don't snow here, it stays pret-ty green. I'm gon-na

M
I could skate a - way _____ on _____ But it don't snow here, it stays pret-ty green. I'm gon-na

L
I could skate a - way _____ on _____ But it don't snow here, it stays pret-ty green. I'm gon-na

P.S.A.
G D^m/c C D^m/c C

19

H
make a lot of mon-ey, then I'm gon-na quit _____ this cra - zy__ scene I _____ wish I had a riv - er__ I could skate a -

M
make a lot of mon-ey, then I'm gon-na quit _____ this cra - zy__ scene I _____ wish I had a riv - er__ I could skate a -

L
make a lot of mon-ey, then I'm gon-na quit _____ this cra - zy__ scene I _____ wish I had a riv - er__ I could skate a -

P.S.A.
D^m/c C D^m/c C A^m

34

H
I made my ba - by cry din din din din din din din din din din

M
I made my ba - by cry din din din din din din din din din din

L
mf legato
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

P.S.A.
D^m/c C D^m/c A^{m7} B^{dim}/a A^m

40

H
mp [E] doo doo doo He tried hard to help me, you know he put me at ease. And he loved me so naught-y, made me

M
mp doo doo doo He tried hard to help me, you know he put me at ease. And he loved me so naught-y, made me

L
mp doo He tried hard to help me, you know he put me at ease. And he loved me so naught-y, made me

P.S.A.
G D^m/c C D^m/c C D^m/c C

54 G

H
Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I wish I had a riv - er so long

M
Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I wish I had a riv - er so long

L
Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I wish I had a riv - er so long

P.S.A.
A^m G F/g F

59 *cresc.*

H
I could teach my feet to fly Oh, I

M
I could teach my feet to fly

L
I could teach my feet to fly

P.S.A.
G C F E^m D^m E^m/d D^m7 G/d E^m/d D^m

H

76

H *mp* doo — It's com-in' on — Christ - mas, they're cut-tin' down trees. They're put-tin' up rein - deer and sing-ing

M *mp* doo — It's com-in' on — Christ - mas, they're cut-tin' down trees. They're put-tin' up rein - deer and sing-ing

L *mp* — It's com-in' on — Christ - mas, they're cut-tin' down trees. They're put-tin' up rein - deer and sing-ing

D^m/c C D^m/c C D^m/c C

P.S.A.

80

H songs of — joy — and peace. Oh, I wish I had a riv - er — I could skate — a - way — on.

M songs of — joy — and peace. Oh, I wish I had a riv - er — I could skate — a - way — on.

L songs of — joy — and peace. Oh, I wish I had a riv - er — I could skate — a - way — on.

D^m/c C A^m F/g

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pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

Mid *mf*

pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

Low *mp*

8 pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

B

6 H *mp*

pa pa pa pa da pa___ pa pa pa___ It's com-in' on___ Christ - mas, they're

M *mp*

pa pa pa pa da pa___ pa pa pa___ It's com-in' on___ Christ - mas, they're

L *mp*

8 pa pa pa pa da pa___ pa pa pa___ It's com-in' on___ Christ - mas, they're

River 3
Chorus-LIGHT

20

H
_ this cra - zy scene I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on

M
_ this cra - zy scene I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on

L
8
_ this cra - zy scene I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on

24

D

H
I wish I had a riv - er so long I could teach my feet to fly

M
I wish I had a riv - er so long I could teach my feet to fly

L
8
I wish I had a riv - er so long I could teach my feet to fly

cresc.

29

H
Oh I wish I had a riv - er, I could skate a - way on.

M
oo oo oo

L
8
oo oo oo

46

H Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I'm

M Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I'm

L Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I'm

F
50

H so hard to hand - le, I'm self - ish and I'm sad, now I'm gone and lost the best ba - by that I

M so hard to hand - le, I'm self - ish and I'm sad, now I'm gone and lost the best ba - by that I

L so hard to hand - le, I'm self - ish and I'm sad, now I'm gone and lost the best ba - by that I

53

H - ev - er had Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I

M - ev - er had Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I

L - ev - er had Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way on I

H

73 *p* *mp*

H
din din din__ din din din din__ din doo doo__ doo__ It's com-in' on__Christ-mas,they're

M
din din din__ din din din din__ din doo doo__ doo__ It's com-in' on__Christ-mas,they're

L
8 doo doo__doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo__ doo doo doo__ It's com-in' on__Christ-mas,they're

78

H
cut-tin' down trees. They're put-tin' up rein - deer and sing-ing songs of__ joy__ and peace.

M
cut-tin' down trees. They're put-tin' up rein - deer and sing-ing songs of__ joy__ and peace.

L
8 cut-tin' down trees. They're put-tin' up rein - deer and sing-ing songs of__ joy__ and peace.

81

H
Oh, I wish I had a riv - er__ I could skate__ a - way__ on. __

M
Oh, I wish I had a riv - er__ I could skate__ a - way__ on. __

L
8 Oh, I wish I had a riv - er__ I could skate__ a - way__ on. __

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B

7 G⁷ C/g G⁷ A^m/g G D^m/c C D^m/c C D^m/c C D^m/c C

C

13 A^m G D^m/c C D^m/c C

19 D^m/c C D^m/c C A^m G F/g

D

25 F G C F E^m D^m E^m/d D^{m7} G/d

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B

7 G⁷ C/g G⁷ A^m/g G D^m/c C D^m/c C

It's com-in' on Christ - mas, they're cut-tin' down trees. They're

11 D^m/c C D^m/c C A^m

put-tin' up rein-deer and sing-ing songs of joy and peace. Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a -

C

15 G D^m/c C D^m/c C

way on But it don't snow her, It stays pret-ty green. I'm gon-na

19 D^m/c C D^m/c C A^m

make a lot of mon-ey, then I'm gon-na quit this cra - zy scene I wish I had a riv - er

D

22 G F/g F G

I could skate a - way on I wish I had a riv-er so long I could

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A

B

It's comin' on Christmas, they're cutting down trees
They're puttin' up reindeer and singing songs of joy and peace.
Oh, I wish I had a river I could skate away on.

C

But it don't snow here, it stays pretty green.
I'm gonna make a lot of money, then I'm gonna quit this crazy scene
Oh, I wish I had a river I could skate away on.

D

I wish I had a river so long I could teach my feet to fly.
Oh I wish I had a river I could skate away on.
I made my baby cry.

E

He tried hard to help, you know he put me at ease.
And he loved me so naughty, made me weak in the knees.
Oh, wish I had a river I could skate away on.

F

I'm so hard to handle, I'm selfish and I'm sad,
now I'm gone and lost the best baby that I ever had.
Oh, I wish I had a river I could skate away on.

G

I wish I had a river so long I could teach my feet to fly.
Oh I wish I had a river I could skate away on.
I made my baby say goodbye.

H

It's comin' on Christmas, they're cutting down trees
They're puttin' up reindeer and singing songs of joy and peace.
Oh, I wish I had a river I could skate away on.

I