

River

- Joni Mitchell -

Words and Music by Joni Mitchell
Arranged by Hans Kaldewey
Original Key C major

A Flowing ballad ♩=96

High *mp*

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

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Chorus-LIGHT

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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

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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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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