



## **River – Joni Mitchell Chorus-LIGHT + piano**

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Original Key C major*

Demo

Version

**A** Flowing ballad ♩=96

High *mp*  
 pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

Mid *mf*  
 pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

Low *mp*  
 pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa pa pa

C A<sup>m7</sup> F<sup>Δ9</sup>

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<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/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 -

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P.S.A.  
D<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/c C A<sup>m</sup>

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<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/c A<sup>m7</sup> B<sup>dim</sup>/a A<sup>m</sup>

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<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/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<sup>m</sup> 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<sup>m</sup> D<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup>/d D<sup>m</sup>7 G/d E<sup>m</sup>/d D<sup>m</sup>

H

76

*mp*

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

D<sup>m</sup>/c

C

D<sup>m</sup>/c

C

D<sup>m</sup>/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<sup>m</sup>/c

C

A<sup>m</sup>

F/g

P.S.A.

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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

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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Chords: C, Am<sup>7</sup>, F<sup>Δ</sup>9

**B**

Chords: G<sup>7</sup>, C/g, G<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>m</sup>/g, G, D<sup>m</sup>/c, C, D<sup>m</sup>/c, C, D<sup>m</sup>/c, C, D<sup>m</sup>/c, C

**C**

Chords: A<sup>m</sup>, G, D<sup>m</sup>/c, C, D<sup>m</sup>/c, C

Chords: D<sup>m</sup>/c, C, D<sup>m</sup>/c, C, A<sup>m</sup>, G, F/g

**D**

Chords: F, G, C, F, E<sup>m</sup>, D<sup>m</sup>, E<sup>m</sup>/d, D<sup>m</sup><sup>7</sup>, G/d

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**B**

7 G<sup>7</sup> C/g G<sup>7</sup> A<sup>m</sup>/g G *mp* D<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/c C

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

11 D<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/c C A<sup>m</sup>

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<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/c C

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

19 D<sup>m</sup>/c C D<sup>m</sup>/c C A<sup>m</sup>

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