

River

Joni Mitchell (Arr. Samantha O'Brien, 2017)

First system of the musical score for 'River'. It features five staves: Violin 1 (V1), Violin 2 (V2), Viola (Vc), Harp (Hp), and Piano (Pno). The key signature is one flat (F major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a *mp* (mezzo-piano) dynamic. Chords are indicated above the staves: a red asterisk above a C chord above the V1 staff, and a red asterisk above an Am⁷ chord above the V1 staff. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Second system of the musical score for 'River', starting at measure 5. It features five staves: Soprano (S), Violin 1 (V1), Violin 2 (V2), Viola (Vc), Harp (Hp), and Piano (Pno). The Soprano part begins with a *solo* marking and the lyrics "It's". Chords are indicated above the staves: a red asterisk above an F⁹ chord above the V1 staff, a red asterisk above a G⁷ chord above the V1 staff, and a red asterisk above a G⁷ chord above the V1 staff. The piano part continues with the same accompaniment pattern as the first system.

A Dm/C C Dm/C C Dm/C C Dm/C C

9 S. com-in'on Christ-mas, they're cut-tin'down trees. They're put-tin'uprein deer and sing-in' songs of joy & peace. Oh,I

Hp.

Pno.

13 *** Am G Dm/C C

S. wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way_ on_ But it don't snow here;

T. *solo* But it don't snow here;

Hp.

Pno.

18 Dm/C C Dm/C C Dm/C C *** Am

S. stays pret-ty green. I'm gon-na make a lot of mon-ey, then I'm gon-na quit this cra - zy scene. I wish I had a riv - er

T. stays pret-ty green. I'm gon-na make a lot of mon-ey, then I'm gon-na quit this cra - zy scene. I wish I had a riv - er

Hp.

Pno.

22

G **B**F G

S. I could skate a - way_ on_ I wish I had a riv - er so_ long I would

A. *solo* I wish I had a riv - er so_ long I would

T. I could skate a - way_ on_

Hrp.

Pno.

27 C F Em Dm C

S. teach my_ feet to fly. Oh, I wish I had a riv - er

A. fly.

T. fly.

Hrp.

Pno.

32 G Fmaj7 Dm/C

S. I could skate a-way on. I made my ba-by cry.

A. I made my ba-by cry.

T. I made my ba-by cry.

V1. *pp*

V2. *pp*

Vc. *pp*

Hp.

Pno.

37 C Am G

S. He

V1. *mf* *pp*

V2. *mf* *pp*

Vc. *mf* *pp*

Hp.

Pno. C Am G

42 **C** Dm/C C Dm/C C Dm/C C Dm/C C

S. *tried hard to help me, you know he put me at ease_ and he loved me so naugh-ty made me weakin_ the knees, Oh I*

Vc.

Hp.

Pno.

46 Am G Dm/C C

S. *wish I had a ri - ver I could skate a - way_ on._ I'm so hard to han-dle, I'm*

A. *sops*
alto
pp mmm *mp* mmm *Sam only* so hard to han-dle, I'm

T. *pp* mmm *mp* mmm

B. *pp* mmm *mp* mmm

Vc.

Hp.

Pno.

51 Dm/C C Dm/C C Dm/C C Am

S. self-ish and I'm sad Now I've gone andn lostthe best ba - by that I've__ e-ver had.. Oh, I wish I had a ri - ver

A. self-ish and I'm sad Now I've gone andn lostthe best ba - by that I've__ e-ver had.. Oh, I wish I had a ri - ver

V1.

V2.

Vc.

Hp.

Pno.

55 G choir **D** F G

S. I could skate a - way__ on. I wish I had a ri - ver so__ long, I would

A. I could skate a - way__ on. I wish I had a riv - er so__ long I would

T. I wish I had a ri - ver so__ long, I would

B. ooh

V1.

V2.

Vc.

Hp.

Pno.

60

C F Em Dm* (singers drop out leaving soloists)

S. teach my ___ feet to fly. Oh ___ I

A. teach my ___ feet to fly.

T. teach my ___ feet to fly.

B. fly.

V1.

V2.

Vc.

Hp.

Pno.

66

E C G

S. wish I had a riv - er I could ___ skate a way ___

Pno.



68 Fmaj7 Dm/C C

S. *solo*
on. I made my_ ba - by say'Good bye'.

A. *ppp choir* *solo mf*
ooh I made my_ ba - by say'Good bye'.

T. *ppp choir* *solo mf*
ooh I made my_ ba - by say'Good bye'.

B. *ppp choir*
ooh

V1. *pp* *mf*

V2. *pp* *mf*

Vc. *pp* *mf*

Hp.

Pno.

73 Am G

S. I'ts

V1. *pp*

V2. *pp*

Vc. *pp*

Hp.

Pno.

F

77 Dm/C C Dm/C C Dm/C C Dm/C C

S. com-in'on Christ-mas, they're cut-tin'down trees. They're put-tin'uprein deer and sing-in' songs of joy & peace. Oh,I

Hp.

Pno.

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81 Am G

S. wish I had a riv - er I could skate a- way. on.

pp sop/alt
A. ooh ri - ver way. on.

pp choir
T. ooh ri - ver way. on.

pp choir
B. ooh ri - ver way. on.

Hp.

Pno.

G

87 G

Hp.

Pno.

91 ^{*}F ^{*}Dm⁷

V1.

V2.

Vc.

Hp.

Pno.

96 *rit.*

V1.

V2.

Vc.

Hp.

Pno.