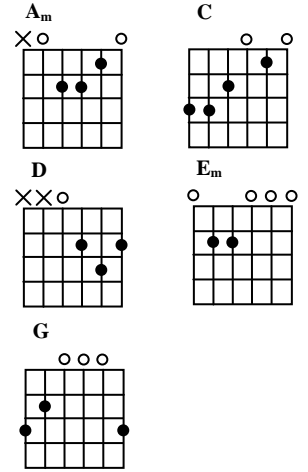


Guitar Repertoire

***THE RIVER***

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**Verse 1**

E<sub>m</sub> G D C  
 I come from down in the valley where mister when you're young  
E<sub>m</sub> G C G  
 They bring you up to do like your daddy done  
C G D E<sub>m</sub>  
 Me and Mary we met in high school, when she was just seventeen  
A<sub>m</sub> G C  
 We'd drive out of this valley down to where the field's were green

**Chorus 1**

E<sub>m</sub> C D G  
 We'd go down to the river and into the river we'd dive  
E<sub>m</sub> C D C  
 Oh, oh down to the river we'd ride

**Verse 2**

E<sub>m</sub> G D C  
 Then I got Mary pregnant and man that was all she wrote  
E<sub>m</sub> G C G  
 And for my nineteenth birthday, I got a union card and a wedding coat  
C G D E<sub>m</sub>  
 We went down to the courthouse and the judge put it all to rest  
A<sub>m</sub> G C  
 No wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle, no flowers, no wedding dress

**Chorus 2**

E<sub>m</sub> C D G  
 That night we went down to the river and into the river we'd dive  
E<sub>m</sub> C D C  
 Oh, oh down to the river we did ride

**Verse 3**

E<sub>m</sub> G D C  
 I got a job working construction for the Johnstown Company  
E<sub>m</sub> G C G  
 But lately there ain't been much work on account of the economy  
C G D E<sub>m</sub>  
 Now all them things that seemed so important, well mister they vanished right into the air  
A<sub>m</sub> G C  
 Now I just act like I don't remember, Mary acts like she don't care

**Bridge 1**

E<sub>m</sub> G D C  
 But I remember us riding in my brother's car, her body tanned and wet down at the reservoir  
E<sub>m</sub> G C G  
 At night on them banks I'd lie awake and pull her close just to feel each breath she'd take  
C G D E<sub>m</sub>  
 Now those memories come back to haunt me, they haunt me like a curse  
A<sub>m</sub> G C  
 Is a dream a lie that don't come true or is it something worse

**Chorus 3**

E<sub>m</sub> C D G  
 That sends me down to the river though I know the river is dry  
E<sub>m</sub> C D C  
 That sends me down to the river tonight  
E<sub>m</sub> C D G E<sub>m</sub> C D C  
 Down to the river my baby and I, Oh, oh down to the river we ride Ooh...