

Ol Man River Chords

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G

C There's an old man called the Mississippi G

D7

That's the old man that I wants to be

Em

Am

What does he care if the world's got troubles

Em

Am

D7

G

What does he care if the land ain't free

G

C

G

C

Ol' Man River, that Ol' Man River,

G

C

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C

he don't say nothin', but he must know somethin',

D

D7

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G

C

G

C
he just keeps rollin', he keeps on rollin' along.
G

C

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He don't plant tatters, and he don't plant cotton,
G

Bm

Em

F#7
and them what plants em, are soon forgotten
D

Am

D

C

G

C
G
But Ol' Man River, just keeps rollin' along.
Bm

Em

Bm

Em
You and me, we sweat and strain,
Bm

Em

Bm

Em

body all achin' and racked with pain.

Bm

F#7

Bm

F#7

Tote that barge and lift that bail,

Bm

F#7

Bm

Am

D

you get a little drunk and you lands in jail.

G

C

G

C

I gets weary, and sick of trying,

G

Am

Em

A7

I'm tired of livin', but I'm scared of dyin',

G

Em

Am

D7

G

C

G

but Ol' Man River, he just keeps rollin' along.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEQEeNhtosg>