

Black Muddy River

The Grateful Dead

Time: 4/4

Tempo: 124

Key: A

(kit: STAX 4 Octave Piano & Strings)

Intro:

Count in, then

A E A Bm A E A D A F#m E D
12 3 4 1 2 3 4 1234 1234 1234 1234 1234 1234

Verse 1:

A E A Bm A E A D A
When the last rose of summer pricks my finger,
A E A Bm A E A D Bm7 D
And the hot sun chills me to the bone, 12 34
A E A Bm A E A D A
When I can't hear the song for the sing-er,
F#m E D
And I can't tell my pillow from a stone, 1234

Chorus:

E A D A
I will walk alone by the black muddy river,
A D D
And sing me a song of my own, 1234
E A D A
I will walk alone by the black muddy river,
F#m E D Bm7 D
And sing me a song of my own. 12 34

Verse 2:

A E A Bm A E A D A
When the last bolt of sunshine hits the mountain,
A E A Bm A E A D Bm7 D
And the stars start to splatter in the sky, 12 34
A E A Bm A E A D A
When the moon splits the south-west ho-ri- zon,
F#m E D
With the scream of an eagle on the fly, 1234

Chorus:

E A D A
 I will walk alone by the black muddy river,
 A D D
 And sing me a song of my own, 1234
 E A D A
 I will walk alone by the black muddy river,
 F#m E D
 And sing me a song of my own. 1234

Bridge:

E E A E/G# F#m
 Black muddy river, roll on forev -er,
 E A E A
 I don't care how deep or wide, if you've got another side,
 D A/C# Bm A D E A
 Roll muddy river, roll muddy river, black muddy river, roll.1234

Interlude:

A D A E A D A A D A E A D
 1234 1 2 3 4 1234 1234 1234 1 2 3 4 1234 1234
 A D A E A D A F#m E D
 1234 1 2 3 4 1234 1234 1234 1234 1234 1234
 Repeat entire interlude 1x

Bridge:

E E A E/G# F#m
 Black muddy river, roll on forev -er,
 E A E A
 I don't care how deep or wide, if you've got another side,
 D A/C# Bm A D E A
 Roll muddy river, roll muddy river, black muddy river, roll.1234

Verse 3:

 A E A Bm A E A D A
 When it seems like the night will last forever,
 A E A Bm A E A D Bm7 D
 And there's nothing left to do but count the years, 12 34
 A E A Bm A E A D A
 When the strings of my heart be-gin to sev er,
 F#m E D
 And stones fall from my eyes instead of tears,

Chorus:

E A D A
I will walk alone by the black muddy river,
 A D D
And sing me a song of my own, 1234
E A D A
I will walk alone by the black muddy river,
 F#m E D
And sing me a song of my own. 1234
 F#m E D
And sing me a song of my own. 1234

Instrumental outro:

A D A E A D A F#m E D A
1234 1 2 3 4 1234 1234 1234 1234 1234 1234 1234 end