

BIG RIVER THE HIGHWAYMEN

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Open PM.....Open PM.....

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I taught the weepin' willow how to cry, cry, cry.

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And I showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky.

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And the tears that I cried for that woman are gonna flood you, big river.

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And I'm gonna sit right here until I die.

I met her accidentally in St. Paul, Minnesota.

And it tore me up every time I heard her drawl, southern drawl.

And I heard my dream, Went back downstream, cavortin' in Davenport,

And I followed you, big river, when she called.

Break:

E A

E B7 E

Oh, she took me to St. Louie later on, down the river.

Freighter said, "She's been here, but she's gone, boy, she's gone."

And I found her trail in Memphis, but she just walked up the club.

Raised a few eyebrows and went on down alone.

Well, I pulled into Natches next day down river,

But there wasn't much there to make the rounders stay very long.

When I left it was rainin' so nobody saw me cry.

Big river, why she doin' me this way?

Break:

E A
E B7 E

Now, won't you batter down by Baton Rouge, River Queen, roll it on.

Take that woman on down to New Orleans, New Orleans.

Go on, I've had enough, dump my blues down in the gulf.

She loves you, big river, more than me.

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And I showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky.

And the tears that I cried for that woman are gonna flood you, big river.

And I'm gonna sit right here until I die.