

# River

Words & Music by Joni Mitchell



1. It's com - in' on Christ - mas, they're cut-ting down - trees. They're  
(2.) tried hard to help me you know, he put me at ease. And he

Dm/C

C

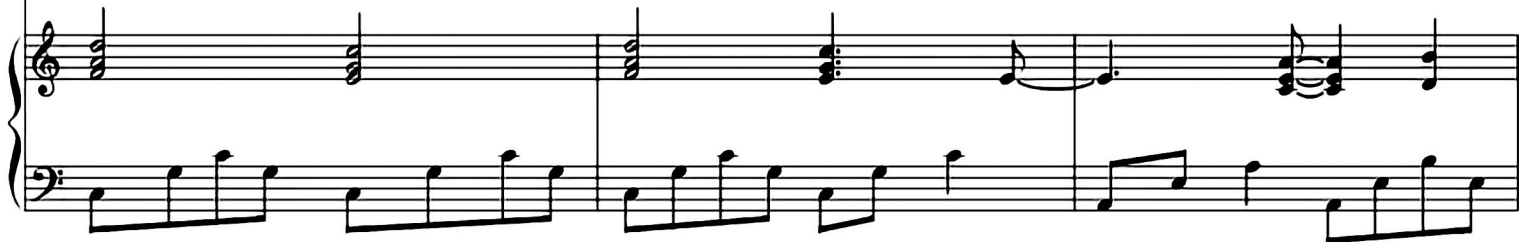
Dm/C

C

Am

Em<sup>7</sup>

put-ting up rein - deer\_\_ and sing-in' songs of joy\_\_ and peace. Oh, I wish I had a riv - er  
 loved me so naugh - ty made me weak in the knees. Oh, I wish I had a riv - er



Am

G



I could\_ skate \_\_\_\_\_ a - way \_\_\_\_\_ on. But  
 I could\_ skate \_\_\_\_\_ a - way \_\_\_\_\_ on.



Dm/C

C

Dm/C

C



it don't snow\_\_ here, it stays pret - ty green. I'm gon - na  
 I'm so hard to hand - le, I'm sel - fish and I'm sad. Now I've gone and



Dm/C

C

Dm/C

C



make a lot - ta mon - ey then I'm gon - na quit this cra - zy scene. I  
 lost the best ba - by that I ev - er had. Oh, I wish

Am

Em7

Am

G



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

F/G

F

G



I wish I had a riv - er so long I would

C

F

Em

Dm

Em/D



teach my feet to fly.

1.  
Dm<sup>7</sup> G/D C G

Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way

Fmaj<sup>7</sup>

on. I made my ba - by

Dm/C C Dm/C Am<sup>7</sup> Bdim/A Am

cry.

2.

G Dm<sup>7</sup> G/D Em/D

2. He

Dm C G

Oh, I wish I had a riv - er I could skate a - way

Fmaj<sup>7</sup> G/F F C

on. I made my ba - by say good-bye.

Bdim/A Am G

Dm/C

C

Dm/C

C



It's com-ing on \_\_\_ Christ-mas, they're cut-ting down \_ trees. They're

Dm/C

C

Dm/C

C

Am

Em7



put-ting up rein - deer, \_ sing-ing songs \_\_\_ of joy \_\_\_ and peace. I wish I had a riv - er \_

Am

F/G

G



I could \_ skate \_\_\_\_\_ a - way \_\_\_\_\_ on. \_\_\_\_\_

F/G



F



Dm<sup>7</sup>



Rit.