

**River (Bill Staines, circa 1979) (D)**  
**River** by Bill Staines from "The Whistle of the Jay" (E)

*¾ Time – Tempo 150 bpm*

**Intro** D | G | D | G

D G D  
I was born in the path of the winter wind.

A7  
I was raised where the mountains are old.

D G D A7 D | D  
Their springtime waters came dancing down, and I remember the tales they told.

D G D  
The whistling ways of my younger days

A7  
Too quickly have faded on by.

D G D A7 D | D  
But all of their memories linger on, like the light in a fading sky.

**Chorus**

D G A7 D G A7  
River, take me a-long in your sun-shine, sing me your song.

G D  
Ever moving and winding and free.

G D G D  
You rolling old river, you changing old river,

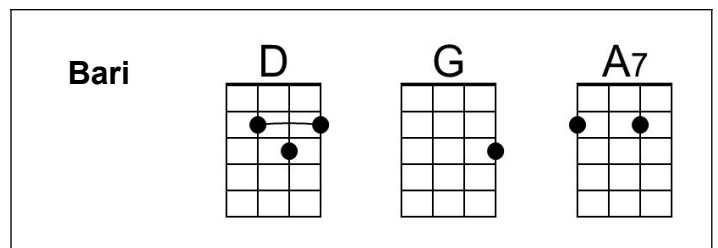
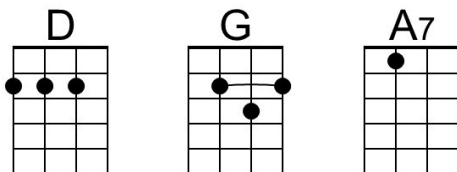
G A7 G D | D | D | D  
Let's you and me, river, run down to the sea.

D G D  
I've been to the city and back again.

A7  
I've been moved by some things that I've learned.

D G D  
Met a lot of good people an' I called them friends,

A7 D | D  
Felt the change when the seasons turned.



**D** **G** **D**  
I've heard all the songs that the children sing

**A7**  
And listened to love's melo-dies.

**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D** | **D**  
I've felt my own music within me rise, like the wind in the autumn trees.

**Chorus**

**D** **G** **A7** **D** **G** **A7**  
River, take me a-long in your sun-shine, sing me your song.

**G** **D**  
Ever moving and winding and free.

**G** **D** **G** **D**  
You rolling old river, you changing old river,  
**G** **A7** **G** **D** | **D** | **D** | **D**  
Let's you and me, river, run down to the sea.

**D** **G** **D**  
Some-day when the flowers are blooming still,

**A7**  
Someday when the grass is still green,

**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D** | **D**  
My rolling waters will round the bend, flow into the open sea.

**D** **G** **D**  
So, here's to the rainbow that's followed me here.

**A7**  
And here's to the friends that I know.

**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D** | **D**  
And here's to the song that's within me now, I will sing it wher-e'er I go. **Chorus**

**Outro**

**D** **G** **A7** **D** **G** **A7**  
River, take me a-long in your sun-shine, sing me your song.

**G** **D** **G** **D** **G** **D**  
Ever moving and winding and free. You rolling old river, you changing old river

**G** **A7** | **A7**  
Let's you and me, river,

**G** (**A7 G**) **D** | **D** | **G** | **A7** | **D** **[Hold]**  
Run down to the sea.