**River (Bill Staines, circa 1979) (E)**

[**River**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h30hARqfiFY) **by Bill Staines from "The Whistle of the Jay" (E)**

***¾ Time – Tempo 150 bpm***

**Intro E | A | E | A**

 **E A E**

I was born in the path of the winter wind.

 **B7**

I was raised where the mountains are old.

 **E A E B7 E | E**

Their springtime waters came dancing down, and I remember the tales they told.

 **E A E**

The whistling ways of my younger days

 **B7**

Too quickly have faded on by.

 **E A E B7 E | E**

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

**Chorus**

**E A B7 E A B7**

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

 **A E**

Ever moving and winding and free.

 **A E A E**

You rolling old river, you changing old river,

 **A B7 A E | E | E | E**

Let's you and me, river, run down to the sea.

 **E A E**

I've been to the city and back again.

 **B7**

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

 **E A E**

Met a lot of good people an’ I called them friends,

 **B7 E | E**

Felt the change when the seasons turned.

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 **E A E**

I've heard all the songs that the children sing

 **B7**

And listened to love's melo-dies.

 **E A E B7 E | E**

I've felt my own music within me rise, like the wind in the autumn trees.

**Chorus**

**E A B7 E A B7**

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

 **A E**

Ever moving and winding and free.

 **A E A E**

You rolling old river, you changing old river,

 **A B7 A E | E | E | E**

Let's you and me, river, run down to the sea.

 **E A E**

Some-day when the flowers are blooming still,

 **B7**

Someday when the grass is still green,

 **E A E B7 E | E**

My rolling waters will round the bend, flow into the open sea.

 **E A E**

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

 **B7**

And here's to the friends that I know.

 **E A E B7 | E**

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

**Outro**

**E A B7 E A B7**

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

 **A E A E A E**

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

 **A B7 | B7**

Let's you and me, river,

**B7 A B7 A E | E | A | B7 | D**

Run down to the sea. **[Hold]**