

Black Water (Patrick Simmons, 1973) (D)

[Black Water](#) by The Doobie Brothers (D @ 100) (Their first #1 hit in the US)
from *What Were Once Vices Are Now Habits* (1974)

[Black Water](#) by The Doobie Brothers (Official Music Video)

[Black Water](#) by The Doobie Brothers from *Rockin' Down The Highway: The Wildlife Concert*

[Black Water](#) by The Doobie Brothers (Live in Isolation . . . with Molly on the ukulele)

2/2 Time

Intro

Am7 | D | Am7 | D | Am7 | D | Am7 |

D Am7 D Am7 D
__ Well, I built me a raft and she's ready for floatin';

Am7 D Am7 D
__ Ol' Missis-sippi, she's callin' my name.

Am7 D Am7 D
Catfish are jumpin', that paddle wheel thumpin',
Am7 D Am7 D
Black water keeps rollin' on past just the same.

Chorus

G

Old black water, keep on rollin'.

Bb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

G

Old black water, keep on rollin'.

Bb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

G

Old black water, keep on rollin'.

Bb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

A . . Em7

A Em7
Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,

A Em7 A Em7
Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.

D Am7 D Am7 A . . Em7 |
And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.

Solo Violin

| A | A | Am7 | D | Am7 | D | Am7 |

This song developed out of a riff created by Patrick Simmons. See:

[How to Play "Black Water" on Guitar by The Doobie Brothers](#) | Rhythm Guitar Lesson Tutorial.

D **Am7** **D** **Am7**
Well, if it rains, I don't care, don't make no difference to me,
D **Am7** **D** **Am7**
Just take that street car that's goin' up town.
D **Am7** **D** **Am7** **D**
Yeah, I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland and dance a honky- tonk,
Am7 **D** **Am7** | **D**
And I'll be buyin' ev'rybody drinks _all_ 'round.

Chorus

G
Old black water, keep on rollin'.
Bb **G**
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?
Old black water, keep on rollin'.
Bb **G**
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?
Old black water, keep on rollin'.
Bb **A . . Em7**
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?
A **Em7**
Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,
A **Em7** **A** **Em7**
Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.
D **Am7** **D** **Am7** **A . . Em7** |
And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.

Solo Violin (2x)

| **A** | **A** | **Am7** | **D** | **Am7** | **D** | **Am7** |

Bridge (6x or until you run out of steam)

D **Am7** **D** **Am7** **D**
I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland, pretty mama come and take me by the hand.
Am7 **D**
By the hand, take me by the hand, pretty mama,
(I want to Honky-tonk, honky-tonk.)
Am7 **D**
Come and dance with your daddy all night long.
(Honky-tonk, with you all night long.)

Outro

Am7 **D**
Whaa whoah.