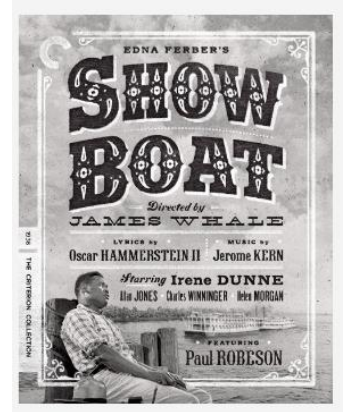


Ol' Man River

music by Jerome Kern and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein



[C] There's an ol' man called the [F] Mississipp[C]i,
[C] That's the ol' man that I'd [Am] like to [G] be!
[C] What does he care if the [F] worlds got trou[C]bles?
[C] What does he care if the [G] land [G7] ain't [C] free?

[C] Ol' Man [F] Ri[C]ver,
That [C] Ol' Man [F] Ri[C]ver,
[C] He must know [F] sumpin', but [C] don't say [F] nothin'.
[F] He just keeps [G7] rollin', [F] he keeps on [G7] rollin' a[C]long.

[C] He don't plant [F] ta[C]ters,
He [C] don't plant [F] cot[C]ton,
[C] And them that [F] plants 'em, is [C] soon for[F]gotten,
[F] But Ol' Man [G7] River,
[F] He just keeps [G7] rollin' a[C]long.

[Em] You and [Am] me, we [Em] sweat and [Am] strain.
[Em] Body all [Am] achin' and [Em] racked with [Am] pain.
[Em] Tote that [B7] barge! And [Em] lift that [B7] bale!
[Em] Get a little [B7] drunk and you [Em] lands in [Dm] jail. [G]

[C] I get [F] wear[C]y, and [C] sick of [F] try[C]in',
I'm [C] tired of [Dm] livin', and [Am] scared of [D7] dyin'!
But [C] Ol' Man [Am] River, he [D7] just keeps [G7] rollin' a[C]long.

[Em] Don't look [Am] up and [Em] don't look [Am] down,
You [Em] don't das [Am] make the [Em] white boss [Am] frown.
[Em] Bend your [B7] knees and [Em] bow your [B7] head.
And [Em] pull that [B7] rope un[Em] till you're [F] dead. [G]

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