Ol, Man River

music by Jerome Kern and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein

[C] Dere's an ol' man called de [F] Mississipp[C]i,

[C] Dat's de ol' man dat I'd [Am] like to [G] be!

[C] What does he care if de [F] world's got trou[C]bles?

[C] What does he care if de [G] land [G7] ain't [C] free?

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[C] Ol' Man [F] Ri[C]ver,

Dat [C] Ol' Man [F] Ri[C]ver

[C] He must know [F] sumpin', but [C] don't say [F] nothin'

[F] He jes keeps [G7] rollin', [F] he keeps on [G7] rollin' a[C]long

[C] He don' plant [F] ta[C]ters,

He [C] don't plant [F] cot[C]ton,

[C] An' dem dat [F] plants 'em, is [C] soon for [F] gotten,

[F] But Ol' Man [G7] River,

[F] He jes keeps [G7] rollin' a[C]long

[Em] You an' [Am] me, we [Em] sweat and [Am] strain

[Em] Body all [Am] achin' and [Em] rack'd wid [Am] pain

[Em] Tote dat [B7] barge! [Em] lif dat [B7] bale!

[Em] Git a little [B7] drunk an' you [Em] lands in [Dm] jail. [G]

[C] I gits [F] wear[C]y, an' [C] sick of [F] try[C]in',

Ah'm [C] tired of [Dm] livin', an' [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 an' [Em] don't look [Am] down,

You [Em] don' das [Am] make de [Em] white boss [Am] frown.

[Em] Bend your [B7] knees an' [Em] bow your [B7] head,

An' [Em] pull dat [B7] rope un[Em] til you' [F] dead. [G]

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