

Big River

By

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E

Now I taught the weeping willow how to cry

F#

B7

and I showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky

E

And the tears that I cried for that woman

A

are gonna flood you Big River

E

B7

E

then I'm gonna sit right here until I die

E

I met her accidentally in St. Paul (Minnesota)

F#

and it tore me up every time I heard her drawl,

B7

southern drawl

E

Then I heard my dream was back downstream

A

cavortin' in Davenport,

E **B7** **E**
and I followed you, Big River, when you called

E
Then you took me to St. Louis later on (down the river)

F#
A freighter said she's been here but she's gone,

B7
boy, she's gone

E **A**
I found her trail in Memphis, but she just

walked up the block

E **B7**
She raised a few eyebrows and then she went on

E
down alone.

E
Now, won't you batter down by Baton Rouge,

River Queen, roll it on

F# **B7**
Take that woman on down to New Orleans, New Orleans

E **A**
Go on, I've had enough, dump my blues down in the gulf

E **B7** **E**
She loves you, Big River, more than me.

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E **B7** **E....E7**
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