# River

Joni Mitchell 1971

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[C] / [C] / [Am9] / [Am9] / [Am7no5] / [Am7no5] / [G] / [G7]**

It’s **[F]** comin’ on **[C]** Christmas

They’re **[F]** cuttin’ down **[C]** trees

They’re **[F]** puttin’ up **[C]** reindeer

And singin’ **[F]** songs of joy and **[C]** peace

Oh I **[Am]** wish I had a river, I could skate a-**[G]**way on **[Gsus4]** **/** **[G]**

But **[F]** it don’t **[C]** snow here

It **[F]** stays pretty **[C]** green

I’m gonna **[F]** make a lot of money **[C]**

Then I’m gonna **[F]** quit this crazy **[C]** scene

I **[Am]** wish I had a river, I could skate a-**[G]**way on **[Gsus2]** **/** **[G]**

I **[F]** wish I had a river so **[G]** lo-o-o-ong

I would **[C]** teach my feet to

**[F]** Fly-y-**[Em]**y-y-**[Dm]**y-**[Em]**y-**[Dm7]**y-y-y-**[Em]**y whoa-o

I **[C]** wish I had a river **[G]** I could skate a-**[F]**way on **[F]**

I **[F]** made my baby **[C]** cry **[C]**

**[Am9][Am]** **/** **[Am9][Am]** **/** **[G][Gsus2]** **/** **[G]↓**

He **[F]** tried hard to **[C]** help me

You know, he **[F]** put me at **[C]** ease

And he **[F]** loved me so **[C]** naughty

Made me **[F]** weak in the **[C]** knees

Oh I **[Am]** wish I had a river, I could skate a-**[G]**way on **[Gsus4]** **/** **[G]**

I’m **[F]** so hard to **[C]** handle

I’m **[F]** selfish and I’m **[C]** sad

Now I’ve gone and **[F]** lost the best **[C]** baby

That I **[F]** ever **[C]** had

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**[F]** Fly-y-**[Em]**y-y-**[Dm]**y-**[Em]**y-**[Dm7]**y-**[Em]**y **[Dm]↓** oh-oh-oh

I **[C]** wish I had a river **[G]** I could skate a-**[F]**way on **[F]**

I **[F]** made my baby **[C]** say goodbye **[C]**

**[Am9][Am]** **/** **[Am9][Am]** **/** **[G][Gsus2]** **/** **[G]↓**

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I **[Am]** wish I had a river, I could ska-**[G]**ate away-**[G]**ay… **[G]** on… **[G]**

**[G]** **/** **[G]** **/** **[G]** **/** **[G]** **/**

**[F]** **/** **[F]** **/** **[F]** **/** **[F]** **/**

**[Dm]** **/** **[Dm]** **/** **[Dm]** **/** **[Dm]** **/**

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