

# DEEP RIVER BLUES

Traditional Early Country and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Delmore Brothers; Merle Travis; Doc Watson; **OTHER NAMES:** Big River Blues; **NOTES:** Based on *Big River Blues* by the Delmore Brothers, this tune has since become a signature piece of the great Doc Watson.

Let it rain, Let the rain  
Let it pour, drive right on  
Let it rain, Let the waves  
a whole lot more, sweep a - long  
Since 'Cause

I've got them deep riv - er blues.  
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**E** **A#dim**  
Let it rain, let it pour  
**E** **A7**  
Let it rain a whole lot more, cause  
**E** **B7**  
I got them deep river blues,  
**E** **A#dim**  
Let the rain drive right on  
**E** **A7**  
Let the waves sweep along, cause  
**E** **B7** **E**  
I got them deep river blues.

**E** **A#dim**  
Give me back my old boat  
**E** **A7**  
I'm gonna sail if she'll float, cause  
**E** **B7**  
I got them deep river blues,  
**E** **Asdim**  
I'm goin' back to Mussel Shoals,  
**E** **A7**  
Times are better there I'm told, cause  
**E** **B7** **E**  
I got them deep river blues.

**E** **A#dim**  
My old gal's a good old pal,  
**E** **A7**  
And she looks like a water fowl, when  
**E** **B7**  
I get them deep river blues,  
**E** **A#dim**  
Ain't no one to cry for me,  
**E** **A7**  
And the fish all go out on a spree when  
**E** **B7** **E**  
I get them deep river blues.

**E** **A#dim**  
If my boat sinks with me  
**E** **A7**  
I'll go down, don't you see, cause  
**E** **B7**  
I got them deep river blues,  
**E** **A#dim**  
Now I'm gonna say good-bye  
**E** **A7**  
'N if I sink, just let me die, cause  
**E** **B7** **E**  
I got them deep river blues.