

ROLL ON COLUMBIA

(By Woody Guthrie - *Tune: Goodnight Irene, in 3/4 time*)

G **Am** **D7**
Roll on, Columbia, roll on
Am **D7** **G**
Roll on, Columbia, roll on
G7 **Am** **A7**
Your power is turning our darkness to dawn
D7 **G**
So roll on, Columbia, roll on

*(Accented syllables are sung on the down beat; shown in **boldface**)*

Green Douglas **firs** where the **waters** cut **through**
Down her wild **mountains** and **canyons** she **flew**
Canada Northwest to the **oceans** so **blue**
So **roll** on Columbia, roll **on**

Other great **rivers** add **power** to **you**
Yakima, **Snake**, and the **Klickitat**, **too**
Sandy Willamette and **Hood** River **too**
So **roll** on, Columbia, roll **on**

(Repeat Chorus)

Tom **Jefferson's** **vision** would **not** let him **rest**
An **empire** he **saw** - the **Pacific** Northwest
Sent **Lewis** and **Clark** and **they** did the **rest**
So **roll** on, Columbia, roll **on**

It's **there** on your **banks** we fought **many** a **fight**
Sheridan's **boys** in the **blockhouse** that **night**
They **saw** us in **death** but **never** in **flight**
So **roll** on Columbia, roll **on**

(Repeat Chorus)

At **Bonneville** **now** there are **ships** in the **locks**
The **waters** have **risen** and **cleared** all the **rocks**
Shiploads of **plenty** will **steam** past the **docks**
So **roll** on, Columbia, roll **on**

And **on** up the **river** is **Grand** Coulee **Dam**
The **mightiest** **thing** ever **built** by a **man**
To **run** the great **factories** and **water** the **land**
So **roll** on, Columbia, roll **on**

These **mighty** men **labored** by **day** and by **night**
Matching their **strength** 'gainst the **river's** wild **flight**
Through **rapids** and **falls**, they **won** the hard **fight**
So **roll** on, Columbia, roll **on**

(Repeat Chorus)

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