

**So Sang the River**

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C                      F              C  
 I am the Missouri, I travel on down  
 G7              F              C              G7  
 Across the Dakotas by the midwestern towns  
 C                                      F              C  
 And I water your farms with a silvery hand  
 G7              F                                      C  
 Forever I'll travel in the heart of the land

**Chorus:**              C              F              Dm              Am              G7  
 So sang the river as its waters glided low  
                                     C              F              Dm              F              C  
 So sang the river, I've a long long way to go

I am the Ohio and my water is wide  
 By the banks of Kentucky I travel with pride  
 From the old Allegheny forever I'll run  
 And I carry your people in the light of the sun

And I am the border, the old Rio Grande  
 My waters they cut through the southwestern land  
 From the deserts and the badlands to the canyons so deep  
 I stretch my green ribbon, and I never will sleep

I am the American and I carry the gold  
 In the hills of California my story is told  
 How men with the fever fell on me like rain  
 And dug for my treasure till nothing remained

And I am the Hudson, the Merrimack too  
 The Snake and the Pecos, the green and the blue  
 And the waters they run just as sure as a song  
 And forever I'll sing it if you let me live on