

BIG RIVER

written and recorded by Johnny Cash (1958)

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Key: G **Start Note:** D **Time:** 4/4 **Strum:** D_du D_du

Intro: G /// D7 /// G /// G //

CHORUS:

/ G

Well I taught that weepin' willow how to cry cry cry.

Showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky.

The tears I cried for that woman – gonna flood you big river.

I'm a gonna sit right here until I die...

G

1. I met her acci-dentally in St. Paul Minnes-sota.

It tore me up every-time I heard her drawl her southern drawl.

Then I heard my dream went back down-stream ca-vortin' in Daven-port

And I followed you big river when you called.....

CHORUS:

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2. Well, I followed her down to St. Louie later on down the river

A freighter said she's been here but she's gone, boy, she's gone

Well I found her trail in Memphis but she just walked up the bluff

Raised a few eye-brows as she went on down a-lone.

CHORUS:

G
I taught that weepin' willow how to cry cry cry.
A D7
Showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky.
G G7 C C7
The tears I cried for that woman – gonna flood you big river.
G D7 G G
And I'm a gonna sit right here until I die...

INSTRUMENTAL:

G G G G
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G G A D
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G G C C
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G D7 G G //
Raised a few eye-brows as she went on down a-lone.

- / G**
3. Won't you batten down by Baton Rouge, River Queen roll on
A D
Take that woman down to New Orleans, New Orleans
G C
Go on I've had e-nough, dump my blues down in the gulf.
G D7 G G
She loves you big river more than me.

Outro:

G
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A D7
Showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky.
G G7 C C7
The tears I cried for that woman – gonna flood you big river.
G D7 G
And I'm a gonna sit right here 'til I die...
G D7 G
I'm gonna sit right here until I die....
G D7 G D↓ G↓
I'm gonna sit right here until I dieeeee