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**The River
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OPENER

SIDES FACE GRAND SQUARE

I COME FROM DOWN IN THE VALLEY
WHERE MISTER WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG
THEY BRING YOU UP TO DO
LIKE YOUR DADDY DONE

ALLEMANDE AND WEAVE

ME AND MARY WE MET IN HIGH SCHOOL
WHEN SHE WAS JUST SEVENTEEN **SWING YOUR GIRL, PROMENADE**
WE'D DRIVE OUT OF THIS VALLEY
DOWN TO WHERE THE FIELDS WERE GREEN

FIGURE 1 / 3:

HEADS PROMENADE HALF WAY AROUND, WALK IN AND **SQUARE THRU 4**
ALL THE WAY AND DO THE **RIGHT AND LEFT THRU,**
VEER LEFT, YOU FERRIS WHEEL
SQUARE THRU THREE QUARTER DOWN
SWING YOUR CORNER, PROMENADE
OH DOWN TO THE RIVER WE'D RIDE

FIGURE 2 / 4:

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SWING YOUR CORNER, PROMENADE

WE'D DRIVE OUT OF THIS VALLEY
DOWN TO WHERE THE FIELDS WERE GREEN

BREAK

SIDES FACE GRAND SQUARE

BUT I REMEMBER US RIDING IN MY BROTHER'S CAR
HER BODY TANNED AND WET DOWN AT THE RESERVOIR
AT NIGHT ON THEM BANKS I'D LIE AWAKE
AND PULL HER CLOSE JUST TO FEEL EACH BREATH SHE'D TAKE

ALLEMANDE AND WEAVE

NOW THOSE MEMORIES COME BACK TO HAUNT ME
THEY HAUNT ME LIKE A CURSE **SWING YOUR GIRL, PROMENADE**
IS A DREAM A LIE IF IT DON'T COME TRUE
OR IS IT SOMETHING WORSE

CLOSER

SIDES FACE GRAND SQUARE

WE'D GO DOWN TO THE RIVER
AND INTO THE RIVER WE'D DIVE
OH DOWN TO THE RIVER WE'D RIDE

ALLEMANDE AND WEAVE

WE'D GO DOWN TO THE RIVER
AND INTO THE RIVER WE'D DIVE **SWING YOUR GIRL, PROMENADE**
OH DOWN TO THE RIVER WE'D RIDE

TAG:

HEADS FACE GRAND SQUARE

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Original Artist: Bruce Springsteen
Original Album: The River (1980)
Writer / Composer: Bruce Springsteen
Publisher: Springsteen Bruce Music

I come from down in the valley
Where mister when you're young
They bring you up to do
like your daddy done
Me and Mary we met in high school
When she was just seventeen
We'd drive out of this valley
down to where the fields were green

We'd go down to the river
And into the river we'd dive
Oh down to the river we'd ride

Then I got Mary pregnant
And man that was all she wrote
And for my nineteenth birthday
I got a union card and a wedding coat
We went down to the courthouse
And the judge put it all to rest
No wedding day smiles, no walk down the
aisle
No flowers no, wedding dress

That night we went down to the river
And into the river we'd dive
Oh down to the river we'd ride

I got a job working construction
for the Johnstown Company
But lately there ain't been much work
on account of the economy
Now all them things that seemed so important
Well mister they vanished right into the air
Now I just act like I don't remember
Mary acts like she don't care

But I remember us riding in my brother's car
Her body tanned and wet down at the
reservoir
At night on them banks I'd lie awake
And pull her close just to feel each breath
she'd take
Now those memories come back to haunt me
They haunt me like a curse
Is a dream a lie if it don't come true
Or is it something worse
That sends me down to the river
Though I know the river is dry
That sends me down to the river tonight

Down to the river
My baby and I
Oh down to the river we ride

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