

THE RIVER SONG

words and music
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It's the price that you pay
For living close to running water
You can move
But you can't tell the river where to go
Try as you might
It does no good to fight it
All you can learn
Is what the bank already knows
So silent and wise
That it hardly even shows

It's the blood of the earth
It's the liquid of life
It's power in motion
It cuts rock like a knife
It goes where it wants
It knows it's own level
Nothing's too big
To stop the water when it flows
It's here for a while
And then it has to go

Submersion in water's
A firey baptism
Too busy guessing what
To stop and wonder why
This ain't no time
For idle speculating
Like back when that water
Was just a prism in the sky
Who really knows
What it is that makes God cry

Precious memories getting washed away
With the mud of the land
I'm feeling older
And the sky is grey
There's so much I just don't understand

Then suddenly
Something catches your eye
A flash of silver in a clear blue sky
Thunder impact crashing crashing crashing
Then it starts raining
And you wonder why

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