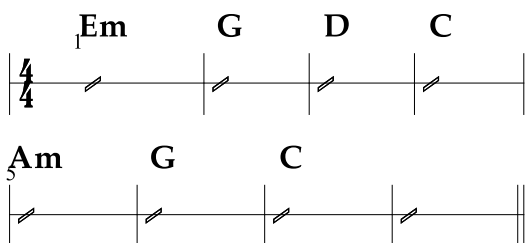
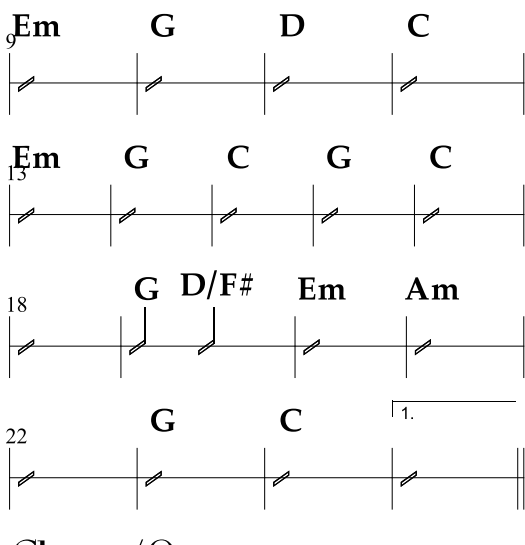


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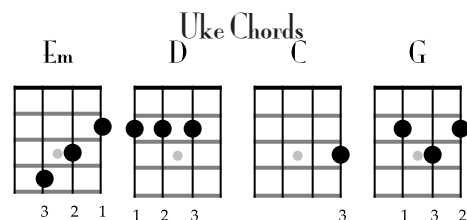
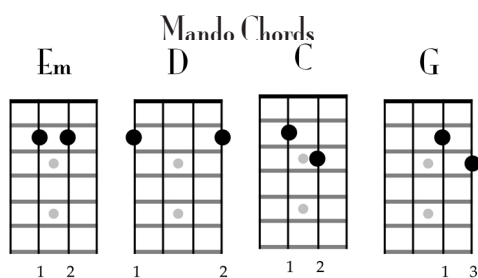
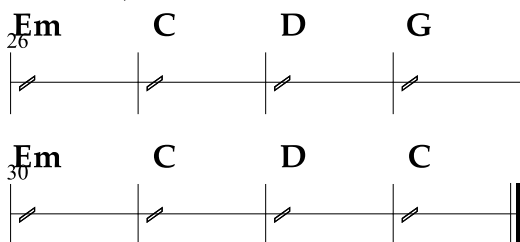
Intro



Verse



Chorus/Outro



Em G D C
I come from down in the valley where, mister, when you're young,
Em G C G
They bring you up to do like your daddy done
C G D/F# Em
Me and Mary we met in high school when she was just seventeen
Am G C
We'd drive out of this valley down to where the fields were green

Em C D G
We'd go down to the river And into the river we'd dive
Em C D C
Oh, down to the river we'd ride

Em G D C
Then I got Mary pregnant. And man, that was all she wrote
Em G C G
And for my 19th birthday I got a union card and a wedding coat
C G D/F# Em
We went down to the courthouse and the judge put it all to rest
Am G C
No wedding day smiles, no walk down the aisle, no flowers, no wedding dress

The River

Bruce Springsteen
The River (1980)
No Capo

The River

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 tan 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

