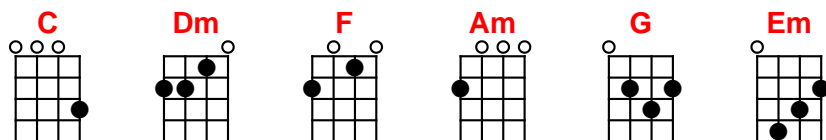


# Black Muddy River

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Grateful Dead, 1987, In the Dark album

Verse 1:

When the [C] last rose of [Dm] summer pricks my [F] fin[C] ger  
And the [C] hot sun [Dm] chills me to the [F] bone  
When I [C] can't hear the [Dm] song for the [F] sin [C] ger  
And I [Am] can't tell my [G] pillow from a [F] stone

Chorus 1:

[G] I will walk a [C] lone by the [F] black muddy [C] river  
And [C] sing me a [G] song of my [F] own  
[G] I will walk a [C] lone by the [F] black muddy [C] river  
And [Am] sing me a [G] song of my [F] own

Verse 2:

When the [C] last bolt of [Dm] sunshine hits the [F] moun [C] tain  
And the [C] stars start to [Dm] splatter in the [F] sky  
When the [C] moon splits the [Dm] southwest ho [F] ri [C] zon  
With the [Am] scream of an [G] eagle on the [F] fly

Chorus 2:

[G] I will walk a [C] lone by the [F] black muddy [C] river  
And [C] listen to the [G] ripples as they [F] moan  
[G] I will walk a [C] lone by the [F] black muddy [C] river  
And [Am] sing me a [G] song of my [F] own

Bridge:

[Dm] Black muddy [G] river, [C] roll on for [Am] ever  
I don't [G] care how deep or [C] wide [G] if you've got another [C] side  
[F] Roll muddy [Em] river, [Dm] roll muddy [C] river  
[F] Black muddy [G] river, [C] roll

Instrumental Break: Verse

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Verse 3:

When it [C] seems like the [Dm] night will last for [F] e [C] ver  
And there's [C] nothing left to [Dm] do but count the [F] years  
When the [C] strings of my [Dm] heart start to [F] se [C] ver  
And [Am] stons fall from my [G] eyes instead of [F] tears

Chorus 3:

[G] I will walk a [C] lone by the [F] black muddy [C] river  
And [C] dream me a [G] dream of my [F] own  
[G] I will walk a [C] lone by the [F] black muddy [C] river  
And [Am] sing me a [G] song of my [F] own  
And [Am] sing me a [G] song of my [F] own

Instrumental Outro:

[C] Lone by the [F] black muddy [C] river and  
[Am] Sing me a [G] song of my [F] own [C]