

Where That Ragtime River Flows

sheet music key: C
second verse lyrics

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Lis - ten while I tell you a - bout that stream that flows right down the Dix - ie land, —

Where the mer-maids dance a wig-g'ly wag for Nep-tune that is simp-ly grand. — Where the steam-boat en-gine's chug-chug-chug makes a rag-time mel-o - dy, — While the pas-sen-gers on board all do the Bun-ny Hug, That's where I ev-er long to be. O - cean lin-ers may be fine, but a rag-time riv-er boat will do for mine.

Where that Rag-time Riv-er flows, where ev-'ry breeze that blows Sets the boats all do-in' a rag-time sway, While the waves all roll and tum-ble on their syn-co-pat-ed way. And when that steam-boat band strikes up a tune, You grab your-self a part-ner and com-mence to spoon Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! When that whis - tle blows, (Toot! Toot!) That pe - cu - liar feel-in' comes a-steal-in' o - ver you, You cud-dle up some close-er and you don't care what you do, You just roll your eyes to heav - en and you hol - ler for more, While you're sway-in', you are pray-in' that you nev-er will reach shore, Down where that Rag-time Riv - er flows. —