

I'm Goin' the River

collected by Mary Wheeler • *Steamboatin' Days* • 1944

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 2/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a D chord above the first measure and A7 and D chords above the second and third measures. The second staff has a G chord above the first measure and a D chord above the third measure. The third staff has an A7 chord above the first measure and a D chord above the third measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by lines to indicate phrasing.

I'm goin' down the riv - er be - fore long, ba - by,
I know you gon - na miss me when I'm goine, ba - by,

Goin' down the riv - er be - fore long. Well, I'm
Know you gon - na miss me when I'm gone. Well, I

goin' down the riv - er be - fore long.
know you gon - na miss me when I'm gone.

Miss me from rollin' in your arms, baby,

I think I heard the Joe Fowler blow, lawd, lawd, lawd,

She blowed like she ain't gonna blow no more, lawd, lawd, lawd,

Oh, times ain't like they used to be, baby,

Oh, I used to make a dollar every day, baby,

Treat me right, I'd rather work than play, lawd, lawd, lawd,

You mistreated me without a cause, lawd, lawd, lawd,

'Cause you gonna miss me when I'm gone, lawd, lawd, lawd,