

Band, The, The River Hymn

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Cahoots

The River Hymn

(the | means a new measure and the / means the bass note on the current chord.)

[piano intro slow gospel thang]

Starts 3/4

Improv/no time

F |bb□□ |f/c□ |d- |d- /d /e |
The ladies would put the baskets on the table

F□□ |bb/c □d-□ |g- / f/a
And the men would sit beneath a shady tree

|bb □ |f/c |d- |d-/c |
The children would listen to a fable

Bb□ |a-□□ |4/4 g7 |/ | meter
While something else came through to□ me

|f bb□ |f/c bb/d |f bb |f/c bb/d
The river got no end, just roll around the bend

|f bb |f/c□ bb□ |f□ |bb
Then pretty soon the women would all join in

|f |f
On the river hymn...

|c/g □e□ |/c□ /□ |f/a□ |f/f / |
The whole congregation was standing on the banks of the river

C/g /e |/c□ / |f/a |c |f
We are gathered here to give a little thanks thanks

|3/4 bb□ |f/c□|d- |d- /d /e |
The voice of the rapids will echo

F□|bb/c□ |d- |g- / f/a |
And ricochet like an old water well

Bb |f/c□ |d-□ |d-/c |
Who d ever want to let go

Bb□|a-□□|4/4 g7 |/ | meter
Once you sit beneath its spell

|f bb□|f/c bb/d |f□ bb |f/c bb/d
It's dark and wide and deep, towards the sea it creeps

|f□ bb□ |f/c□ bb |f |bb
I'm so glad i brought along my mandolin

|f□ |f d |
To play the river hymn...

G□□□ |g□c□
You can ride on it or drink it

F□ |/ / g g/b |
Poison it or dam it

C□□|/□ / f f/a |
Fish in it and wash in it

Bb□□□ |c
Swim in it and you can die in it

|f |c |f ||
Run, you river, run

3/4 bb |f/c□□|d-□□|d- /d /e |
Son, you ain't never seen yourself

F□□|bb/c□□|d-□□ |g- / f/a□
No crystal mirror can show it clear, come over here instead

Bb |f/c□ |d- □ |d-/c |
Son, you ain't never eased yourself

Bb□□ |a- □ |4/4 g7 |/ | meter
Til you laid it down in a river bed

|f□ bb□ |f/c bb/d□|f□ bb |f/c bb/d
If you hear a lonesome drone, it's as common as a stone
|f□ bb□|f/c bb |f□ |bb
And gets louder as the day grows dim
|f |f
That's the river hymn...
|c/g□ /e□ |/c /□ |f/a /□|f/f / |
The whole congregation was standing on the banks of the river
C/g□/e□|c□□/ |f/a |c ||f |f ||
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