

Ralph McTell, Throw Out a Line and Dream

I said look at the river.
You said it's only a stream.
But I said I've seen people with nets out there
You said they just throw out a line and dream.

I see a river, you see a stream
Wise men sleep it is fools who dream
Men out there trying to net the moon
Come on down to the river (the sun is going down)
The fish will be jumping soon.

Throw out a line and dream.

I said look at the harbour.
You said it's only a quay,
And I said I've seen big ships sailing in,
You said they leave and they sail out to sea.

I say a harbour, you say a quay
You want them locked up I want them free.

Chorus

I said look at the road.
You said it's only a track,
And I said I've seen people with trucks out there
You said they leave and they don't come back.

I say a road and you say a track
I seem to need you just to bring me back
From the edge of the earth where it touches the sky
Come on down to the road (look at the horizon)
And feel the trucks rolling by.

Chorus

I see a river, you see a stream
Wise men sleep, it is fools who dream
Men out there, trying to net the moon
Come on down to the river (the sun is going down)
The fish will be jumping soon.

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