

# Richard Marx, Hazard

My mother came to Hazard  
When I was just seven  
Even then the folks in town  
Said with prejudiced eyes  
That boy's not right

Three years ago  
When I came to know Mary  
First time that someone looked  
Beyond the rumors and lies  
And saw the man inside

We used to walk down by the river  
She loved to watch the sun go down  
We used to walk along the river  
And dream our way out of this town

No one understood  
What I felt for Mary  
No one cared until the night  
She went a-walking alone  
And never came home

Man with a badge  
Came knocking next morning  
Here was I surrounded by  
A thousand fingers suddenly  
Pointed right at me

I swear I left her by the river  
I swear I left her safe and sound  
I need to make it to the river  
And leave this old Nebraska town

I think about my life gone by  
How it's done me wrong  
There's no escape for me this time  
All of my rescues are gone  
Long gone

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