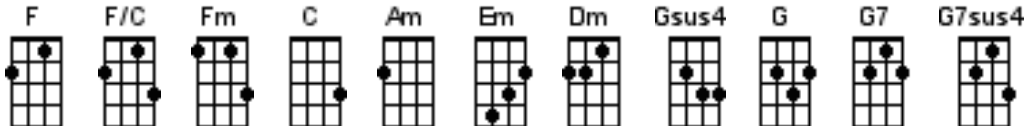


Big River. 1995. Jimmy Nail. (in C).



4/4 time. Intro: 1, 2, 1 2 3 4 - [F] [Fm] [C] [C] [F] [Fm] [C] [C]

[C] __ Walking on [F] cobbled stone, [C] __ little bits of [F] skin and bone
[Am] __ Jumping on a [Em] tramcar for a [Dm] ride [Gsus4/] [G/]
[C] __ I can re-[F]-member then, [C] __ I was just a [F] boy of ten
[Am] __ Hanging a-[Em]-round the old quay [Dm] side [G7]
[F] __ Now all the [C] capstans and the [Am] cargo boats and [F] stevedores are [Am] gone
To where all the [C] old ships go, but [Dm] memories just [G7] like the seas live [C] on
Cause that was when [F] coal was king, [C] __ the river was a [F] living thing
[Am] __ And I was just a [Em] boy but it was [Dm] mine. [G7sus4/] __ The [G7/] coaly [C] Tyne

[F/] [G/] For this was a [C] big [F/] river.
[G/] I want [Am] you all to [Em] know that I was [Dm] proud
[Gsus4/] [G/] This was a [C] big [F/] river [G/] __ but [Am] that was long a-[Em]-go
That's not [Dm] now, [G7] __ that's not [C] now [C]

[C] __ My father was a [F] working man, [C] __ he earned our living [F] with his hands
[Am] __ He had to cross the [Em] river every [Dm] day [Gsus4/] [G/]
[C] __ He picked up the [F] union card [C] __ out of the [F] Neptune yard
[Am] __ Mouths to [Em] feed and bills to [Dm] pay [G7]
[F] __ Then came a [C] time for him to [Am] sail across the [F] seas and far a-[Am]-way
Finally [C] when that war was [Dm] won they brought him [G7] home and home he [C] stayed
And when his [F] days were done [C] __ under a [F] golden sun
[Am] They took him back to [Em] where he longed to [Dm] be.
[Gsus4/] [G/] Back to the [C] sea

[F/] [G/] For this was a [C] big [F/] river
[G/] I want [Am] you all to [Em] know that I was [Dm] proud
[Gsus4/] [G/] This was a [C] big [F/] river [G/] __ but [Am] that was long a-[Em]-go
That's not [Dm] now, [G7] __ that's not [C] now [C]

Instrumental: [F] [Fm] [C] [C] [F] [Fm] [C] [C]

[C] __ The Neptune was the [F] last to go, [C] __ I heard it on my [F] radio
[Am] __ And then they played the [Em] latest number [Dm] one [Gsus4/] [G/]
[C] __ But what'll they [F] do all day? [C] __ What are they sup-[F]-posed to say?
[Am] __ What does a [Em] father tell his [Dm] son? [G7]
[F] __ If you be-[C]-lieve that there's a [Am] bond between our [F] future and our [Am] past
Try to hold [C] on to what we [Dm] have. We build them [G7] strong, we build to [C] last
Cause this is a [F] mighty town, [C] __ built upon [F] solid ground
[Am] __ And everything they [Em] tried so hard to [Dm] kill. [Gsus4/] [G/] We will re-[C]-build.

[F/] [G/] For this was a [C] big [F/] river
[G/] I want [Am] you all to [Em] know that I was [Dm] proud
[Gsus4/] [G/] This was a [C] big [F/] river [G/] __ but [Am] that was long a-[Em]-go

That's not [Dm] now,
[Gsus4/] _ And [G/] this is a [C] big, big [F/] river, [G/] _ and [Am] in my heart I [Em] know
It will rise a-[F]-gain. The [F] river will rise a-[C]-gain! [C↓]