

# River (Bill Staines)

## Intro: 1<sup>st</sup> verse chords

C F C D7 G G7  
I was born in the path of the winter wind And raised where the mountains are old  
C F C G G7 C  
The springtime waters came dancing down And I remember the tales they told

C F C D7 G G7  
The whistling ways of my younger days Too quickly have faded on by  
C F C G G7 C  
But all of their memories linger on Like the light of a fading sky.

## CHORUS

C C/B C/A G7 C C/B C/A G7  
River, take me along In your sunshine, sing me your song  
F G G7 C  
Ever moving and winding and free  
F C F C F G G7 F C  
You rolling old river, you changing old river Let's you and me river run down to the sea

C F C D7 G G7  
I've been to the city and back again I've been moved by some things that I've learned  
C F C G G7 C  
Met a lot of good people and I called them friends Felt the change when the seasons turned

C F C D7 G G7  
I heard all the songs that the children sing And listened to love's melodies  
C F C G G7 C  
I've felt my own music within me rise Like the wind in the autumn trees.

## CHORUS

C F C D7 G G7  
Someday when the flowers are blooming still Someday when the grass is still green  
C F C G G7 C  
My rolling waters will round the bend And flow into the open sea

C F C D7 G G7  
So here's to the rainbow that followed me here And here's to the friends that I know  
C F C G G7 C  
And here's to the song that's within me now I will sing it where'er I go.

## CHORUS (x2)