

“If the River was Whiskey (and I was a Diving Duck)”

First recorded by Sleepy John Estes, 1929

This version as performed by Taj Mahal and Keb Mo, 2013

[Verse 1]

C

If the river was whiskey and I was a diving duck

F

C

If the river was whiskey I was a diving duck

F

C

Honey if the river was whiskey I was a diving duck

Am

G

Am

G

C

I'd dive upon the bottom, honey and I'd never come up

[Verse 2]

C

Well the sun's goin' to shine on my back door someday

F

C

You know the sun's goin' to shine on my back door someday

F

C

Well now the sun's goin' to shine on my back door someday

Am

G

Am

G

C

The wind's goin' to rise and blow my blues away

[Verse 3]

C

Put your arms around me honey like you circle around the sun

F

C

Put your arms around me yeah like you circle around the sun

F

C

Put your arms around me like you circled around the sun

Am

G

Am

G

C

Oh I'm goin' to love you baby honey till my cows come home

[Verse 4]

C

My easy rider won't give me no rest

F

C

Well my easy rider sure won't give me no rest

F

C

Well my easy rider sure won't give me no rest

Am

G

Am

G

C

She got my heart a wondering like the wild geese in the west

[Outro]

C

If the river was whiskey and I was a diving duck

F

C

If the river was whiskey I was a diving duck

F

C

If the river was whiskey I was a diving duck

Am

G

Am

G

C

I'd dive upon the bottom, baby then I'd never come up (x3)