

[D] [G] [A] [D]

[D] I was born and raised on the [G] river  
 It's the [A] only life that I [D] know  
 People 'round here have put a [G] name on me  
 And I [A] hear it wherever I [D] go

They call me [D] river boy, [G] river boy  
 [A] A good for nothin' [D] river boy  
 This old world don't hold a [G] whole lot of joy  
 When you're [A] nothin' but a river [D] boy

I [D] do a lot of fishin' on the [G] river  
 To [A] make my livin' you [D] see  
 When I take my catch to the [G] market place  
 The [A] people call out to [D] me

And they say, [D] river boy, hey [G] river boy  
 You got [A] any fish today there, [D] river boy  
 [D] I sell my wares, but [G] nobody cares  
 About the [A] feelings of the river [D] boy      Key Change [B]

There's a [E] pretty girl works at the [A] market place  
 I [B7] see her there every [E] day  
 But [E] when I try to [A] talk to her  
 [B7] I can hear her papa [E] say

Come away from that [E] River boy, he's a [A] river boy  
 [B7] Nothin' but a riff-raff [E] river boy  
 [E] No girl of mine is gonna [A] waste her time  
 On a [B7] good for nothin' river [E] boy [E] [A] [B7] [E]

So I [E] head my boat back up the [A] river  
 [B7] Back to my old fishin' [E] place  
 I'm a-[E]-fraid this ol' river's gonna [A] overflow  
 From the [B7] tears runnin' down my [E] face

I'm nothin' but a [E] river boy, [A] river boy  
 [B7] A good for nothin' [E] river boy  
 This old world don't hold a [A] whole lot of joy  
 When you're [B7] nothin' but a river [E] boy

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