

# Big River

## Grateful Dead

**Chorus** Well I taught that weeping willow how to cry cry cry,  
Taught the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky.  
Tears I cried for that woman are gonna flood you big river,  
And I'm a gonna sit right here until I die.

**V1** I met her accidentally in St. Paul, Minnesota,  
She tore me up every time I heard her drawl that southern drawl.  
Well I heard my dream went back downstream, cavortin' in Davenport,  
And I followed you big river when you called.

*Chorus*

**V2** Well I followed her down to St. Lou, later on down the river,  
Trader said she's been here, but she's gone, boy, she's gone.  
Well I followed her down to Memphis, but she just walked off the bus,  
She raised a few eyebrows and she went on down alone.

*Chorus*

**V3** Well I've gotten on down to Baton Rouge, River Queen roll on,  
Take that woman down to New Orleans, New Orleans.  
I give up, I've had enough, followed my blues on down to the gulf,  
She loves you big river more than me.

*Chorus*

**Notes** 12/31/78 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1lli1K9Nb4>)