

# **River Waltz**

**(Cowboy Junkies)**

Time Signature: 3/4

Chords: Am, C, Dm, F, F7, G

Tempo: 120 - 140 BPM

**[INTRO]**

C

**[VERSE 1]**

C

I'm going to find me a dying river

And strike a deal with her I'll say.

F

"I'll fold you in two and I'll carry you away

C

To a place where your headwaters will flow

G

Clean through to your mouth".

C

In return I'll request a small sanctuary

F

By her banks where we will live

with our small family

C

She will water our garden, and clean the dirt

G

from our skin.

F

As the world clamours at our door

G

C

We will dance and not let them in.

## [VERSE 2]

C  
And if one day we wake up to a bed dry as bone  
F  
Find our river stolen, find our sanctuary gone  
C  
We will stand and take stock and be grateful  
G  
for what we've not lost.  
C  
We'll pack up our bags, pack our small family  
F  
Head cross the valley to where the aspen trees  
C  
Shiver as they ascend- the green hills  
G  
rising to blue.  
F G  
At the edge of the chopping we will turn  
C  
And bid fond adieu".

## [CHORUS]

F C  
All that I know to be true  
G  
Is the touch of your hand on my skin.  
F C  
One look from you can so easily soothe  
G  
All this turmoil within.  
Dm  
As we dance cheek to cheek  
Am  
with our feet so completely  
C G  
locked in a time all our own.  
Dm Am  
I stop to speak but you gently keep me  
C G  
Moving in time to the song.  
F Am Dm  
And in a voice that is sloppy with gin  
C  
You say, "let the world spin".

**[VERSE 3]**

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**[OUTRO]**

F F7 G C