

# Ol' Man River

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|   |                |                     |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| D | <b>4 3 2~2</b> | <b>2~2 3~3 4 8.</b> |
| A |                |                     |
| D |                |                     |

There's an old man called the Mississippi

|   |                |                   |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| D | <b>4 3 2~2</b> | <b>2 0 2 0 1.</b> |
| A |                |                   |
| D |                |                   |

That's the old man that I'd like to be!

|   |                |                     |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| D | <b>2 1 0 0</b> | <b>1 0 1 1 2 4.</b> |
| A |                |                     |
| D |                |                     |

What does he care if the world's got troubles?

|   |                |                   |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| D | <b>2 1 0 0</b> | <b>2 1 0 1 0.</b> |
| A |                |                   |
| D |                |                   |

What does he care if the land ain't free?

|   |              |                |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| D | <b>0.</b>    | <b>0.</b>      |
| A | <b>0 0 1</b> | <b>1 0 0 1</b> |
| D |              |                |

Old Man River, That Old Man River

|   |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| D | <b>1 2 2 1 0.</b> | <b>1 2 4 5 4.</b> |
| A |                   |                   |
| D |                   |                   |

He must know sumpin' But don't say nuthin',

|   |                   |                       |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|
| D | <b>5 4 4 2 1.</b> | <b>2 4 4 2 1 2 0.</b> |
| A |                   |                       |
| D |                   |                       |

He just keeps rollin'

He keeps on rollin' along.

|   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| D | <b>0.</b>      | <b>0.</b>      |
| A | <b>0~0 0 1</b> | <b>1 0 0 1</b> |
| D |                |                |

He don't plant taters,

He don't plant cotton,

|   |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| D | <b>1 2 2 1 0.</b> | <b>1 2 4 5 4.</b> |
| A |                   |                   |
| D |                   |                   |

And them that plants 'em

Is soon forgotten,

|   |                   |                       |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|
| D | <b>5 4 4 2 1.</b> | <b>2 4 4 2 1 2 0.</b> |
| A |                   |                       |
| D |                   |                       |

But Old Man River,

He just keeps rollin' along.

|   |                    |                       |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| D | <b>4 3. 5 4 3.</b> | <b>4~4 3~3 5 4 3.</b> |
| A | <b>4 4</b>         | <b>4 4</b>            |
| D |                    |                       |

You and me, we sweat and strain, Body all achin' and racked with pain,

|   |            |               |
|---|------------|---------------|
| D | <b>3 1</b> | <b>4 3 1.</b> |
| A | <b>3</b>   | <b>3</b>      |
| D |            |               |

Tote that barge!

And lift that bale!

|   |                     |                  |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| D | <b>3~3 0 0 0 1.</b> | <b>4~4 3 1 0</b> |
| A |                     | <b>0</b>         |
| D |                     | <b>0</b>         |

You gets a little drunk

And you lands in jail

|   |              |                |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| D | <b>0.</b>    | <b>0.</b>      |
| A | <b>0 0 1</b> | <b>1 0 0 1</b> |
| D |              |                |

I gets weary

And sick of trying

|   |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| D | <b>1 2 4 5 4.</b> |                   |
| A |                   | <b>1 3 3 4 3.</b> |
| D |                   |                   |

I'm tired of living

And scared of dyin'

|   |                   |                      |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| D |                   |                      |
| A | <b>4 5 5 4 3.</b> | <b>4 5 5 4 3 4 3</b> |
| D |                   |                      |

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