

# River

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*This song by the wonderful Bill Staines. Find out more about this amazing songwriter at: <https://www.acousticmusic.com/staines/index.htm>*

*'River' is a song that resonates in particular as one grows older and reflects on life's journey – the river of life.*



I was born in the path of the win - ter wind And raised where the moun - tains are  
whis - tling — ways of my youn - ger days Too quick - ly have — fad - ed on

old. — Their spring - time — wa - ters came danc - ing down; I re - mem - ber the — tales they  
by, — But all of their mem - or - ies lin - ger on Like the light — in a fad - ing

told. — The — sky, — Ri - ver, take me a - long, In your sun - shine

sing me your song. Ev - er mov - ing and wind — ing and free, You roll - ing old ri - ver, You

chang - ing old ri - ver, Let's you and me ri - ver, Run down to the sea. —



I was born in the path of the winter wind  
And raised where the mountains are old.  
Their springtime waters came dancing down;  
I remember the tales they told.

The whistling ways of my younger days  
Too quickly have faded on by.  
But all of their memories linger on  
Like the light in a fading sky.

Chorus: River, take me along;  
In your sunshine, sing me your song.  
Ever moving and winding and free,  
You rolling old river, you changing old river,  
Let's you and me, river, run down to the sea.

I've been to the city and back again;  
Been moved by some things that I've learned.  
Met a lot of good people, and I've called them friends  
Felt the change when the seasons turned.

I've heard all the songs that the children sing  
And listened to love's melodies;  
I've felt my own music within me rise  
Like the wind in the autumn trees. Chorus

Someday when the flowers are blooming still,  
Someday when the grass is still green,  
My rolling waters will round the bend  
And flow into the open sea.

So, here's to the rainbow that's followed me here,  
And here's to the friends that I know,  
And here's to the song that's within me now;  
I will sing it wherever I go. Chorus

