

# Down by the River

Albert Hammond

City life was getting us down so we spent a weekend out o' town  
Pitched our tent on a patch of ground down by the river  
Lit a fire and drank some wine you put your jeans on top of mine  
I said: Come in, the water's fine down by the river  
Down by the river, down by the river  
Said: come in the water's fine down by the river  
Didn't feel too good all night, so we took a walk in the morning  
light  
And came across the strangest sight down by the river  
Silver fish lay on its side, it was washed up by the early tide  
I wonder how it died down by the river  
Down by the river, down by the river  
A silver fish lay on its side down by the river  
The doctor put us both to bed, he dosed us up and he shook his head  
'Only foolish people go', he said, 'down by the river'  
'The mighty willows weep', said he, 'because they're dying gradually  
From the waste from the factories down by the river'  
Down by the river, down by the river  
'Mighty willows weep', said he, 'down by the river'  
In time the riverbanks will die, the reeds will wilt and the  
ducks won't fly  
There'll be a tear in the otter's eye down by the river  
The banks will soon be black and dead and where the otter raised his head  
Will be a clean, white skull instead down by the river  
Down by the river, down by the river  
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