

# Cross the River

Carly Simon

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WRITER CARLY SIMONA hot cloud was hangin'around We were a rowdy crowd  
Drinkin'beer and smokin' at the end of the pier Danny was shufflin' through a magazine Clippin'out pictures of  
a car To get us out of here Laura was hounding him to get a bike  
Warning him the time was now Or he'd be out on his ear, she'd disappear If only we could cross the river We  
couldn't get a jump-start on life The whispers across the Hudson  
Grow louder in our ears Louder in our ears every night  
We were all somewhat out of school Jersey by birth, relaxing but not on a holiday An appalling amount of time  
spent at the mall Not a tragedy, but not exactly the Milky Way Looking for a bigger laugh, a better store, A  
cutter guy, a shorter working day, better pay If only we could cross the river We couldn't get a jump-start on life  
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When Laura and Danny broke up She set her sights on Billy Stone Well, I had just split from Jonathan So by  
chance, I was all alone Danny and I got along as well We spent hours on the phone Just talkin'on the phone  
When I was twenty and crazy as a joke I went to bed with a broker  
When I was broke I got used to doormen and limousines  
And Christmas cards from friends signed by a machine And woman, they were calling me "Ma'am" As they  
cleaned up after me If only we could cross the river But something is holding us back A way of life that's too  
familiar Like the lines are to the railroad track If only we could cross the river We couldn't get a jump-start on  
life The whispers across the Hudson Grow louder in our ears Louder in our ears every night Dear Laura, I know  
it's been years Since I crossed the bridge back to the Palisades How are your kids? Mine are both swell little  
fellas Here are some clippings of me and Brad  
At a charity ball and a White House sup I've perfected my smile for the camera Chin is up I miss you all so  
much If only I could cross the river But something me holding us back  
A way of life that's too familiar Like the lines are to the railroad Lines are to the railroad  
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