Kern River

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Oh, I'll never swim Kern River again
It was there that I met her
It was there that I lost my best friendAnd now I live in the mountains
I drifted up here with the wind
I may drown in the still water
But I'll never swim Kern River againI grew up in an oil town
But my gusher never came in
And the river was a boundary
Where my darlin' and I used to swimOne night in the moonlight
The swiftness swept her life away
And now I live on Lake Shasta
And Lake Shasta is where I will stayThere's the great San Joaquin
Where the seeds of the dust bowl are found
And there's a place called Mount Whitney
From where the mighty Kern River comes downBut now it's not deep nor wide
But it's a mean piece of water, my friend
And I may cross on the highway
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