River Towns

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I came in three days early To meet my boat It ain't the life of Riley But it's keeping me afloat It's quiet over Christmas If you got no place to go I got my home from river rats The only home I knowI found myself a flophouse And I hit the streets at nine Get some grub and drink a beer Maybe go down the line These chips will take your money Shake a young man down It's the same in every one of these Sorry river townsRiver towns, sorry river towns River towns

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River townsWell I picked me up a bottle
To take back to the room
Then I saw a young girl standing
In a doorway in the gloom
We'd hardly started talking

The old scenario

And I just let her work me over
Down by the OhioRiver towns, sorry river towns
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River townsWhen I asked her if she'd like to stay
She was down my stairs so quick
I never asked what got her started

With the sorry river tricks So I get the bottle open

But something's hit a nerve

And I'm looking in the mirror

At the face that I deserveRiver towns, sorry river towns

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