

Black Swollen River

Salter Cane

The black swollen river is heading for my door
And I know Iâ€™ll soon be gone if I stay
But the night that she left, I knew she would return
And when she comes I donâ€™t want to be away
When she first came I was alone
And I hammered out a home
From the stones I pulled out of the river bed
I filled the house with things
And offered her my ring
And my heart flooded like this river when we wed

River stone, hammer home, all alone
River stone, flesh and bone is all alone

Well, we had every kind of weather coming down that night
And there were seven kinds of devil in my mind
When I saw him in the house, I thought I understood
But I swear my flesh & blood it made me blind
I didn't know what I had done
Until I saw her start to run
And he went down in seven shades of red
But I hauled him out that night
Into the rain, out of the light
And the river took him to her cold dark bed

River stone, hammer home, all alone
River stone, flesh and bone is all alone

And in the first light of dawn
I saw that she had gone
But I knew she would return
And we could carry on
Now my nights are filled with dreams
Rising water, crying, screams
But through the river and the rain
I can sometimes hear a train

River stone, hammer home, all alone
River stone, flesh and bone is all alone
River stone, bring her home, bring her home

River stone, take us home, take us home

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