

Ol' Man River

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Freely

S. *p* *mm* *mm*

A. *p* *mm* *mm*

T. *mf* *mm* *mm*

B. *p* *mm* *mm*

Keyboard (Optional) *mf*

8 Dere's an ol' man called de Mis - sis - sip - pi, Dat's de ol' man dat I'd like to be;

NC D^b G^bmaj^7 NC D^b A^b9 A^b7

5 *mf*

What does he care if de world's got trou - ble? What does he care if de land ain't free? *mf*

p *mm* *mm* *ah*

8 *p* *mm* *mm*

p *mm* *mm*

mf *p* *mf*

D^b D^b9 G^b G^bm^6 D^b/A^b B^bm E^bm^7 A^b7 D^b

9 *Moderately slow*

mp *p*

ah *mm*

mf *p*

ah *mm*

mf *mf*

ah

Ol' man Ri-ver, dat ol' man Ri-ver, He mus' know sum-pin', But

Moderately slow

p

mf

G^b A^b7 D^b G^b D^b G^b D^b G^b

13

mf

He jus' keeps rol - lin', He keeps on rol - lin' a - long.

mp *mf*

ah *ah*

mp *mf*

ah *ah*

don't say noth - in', He jus' keeps rol - lin', He keeps on rol - lin' a - long.

mf

D^b B^bm E^bm7 A^b7 E^bm7 A^b7 D^b

17 *mp* *p* *mp*

ah *mm* *ah* *mp*

p *mm* *ah* *mp*

p *mm* *ah*

mf *mf*

ah He don't plant 'ta-ters, He don't plant cot-ton. An' dem dat plant 'em is

p

G^b A^b7 *mf* D^b G^b D^b G^b D^b E^bm⁶

21 *ten.* *mf*

But ol' man Ri-ver, He jus' keeps rol-lin' a-long.

ah

ah

soon for-got-ten; But ol' man Ri-ver, He jus' keeps rol-lin' a-long.

mf

D^b E^o E^bm⁷ A^b7 E^bm⁷ A^b7 D^b G^b6

25

accel.

A Little Faster

f You an' me, we sweat an' strain, Bo - dy all ach - in' an'

f ah ah ah

f ah ah ah

f ah ah ah

ah ah ah ah ah ah

accel.

A Little Faster

f

D^b D^b C⁷ Fm C⁷ Fm C⁷ Fm C⁷

29

slower

racked wid pain. ah ah (gliss.)

mf "Tote dat barge!" "Lift dat bale!" You git a lit - tle drunk an' you

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ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

mf

slower

Fm C⁷ Fm *8va* C⁷ Fm C⁷ Fm C⁷

33

1. a tempo

mp cresc.

land in jail. land in jail. Ah gits wea-ry an' sick of try-in', Ah'm tired of liv-in' an'

mm *mp cresc.* *mf cresc.*

ah ah ah

1. a tempo

mf cresc.

Fm Gb6 Ab7 Db Gb Db Gb Ab7

37

dim.

ah

*dim.**dim.**dim.*

But ol' man Ri-ver, He jus' keeps rol-lin' a - long. scared of dy-in', But ol' man Ri-ver, He jus' keeps rol-lin' a - long.

f *f* *f*

Bbm Eb7 Db Bbsus Bbm Ebm Ab7 Db

41

2. *mp cresc.*

ah Ah'm tired of liv - in' an'

mf cresc.

ah Ah gits wea - ry an' sick of try - in', Ah'm tired of liv - in' an'

mp cresc.

ah Ah gits wea - ry an' sick of try - in', Ah'm tired of liv - in' an'

mf cresc.

ah Ah gits wea - ry an' sick of try - in', Ah'm tired of liv - in' an'

mf *cresc.*

G^b A^b7sus A^b7 D^b G^b D^b G^b D^b A^b7

45

ff *molto rall.*

scares of dy - in', But ol' man Ri - ver, He jus' keeps rol - lin' a - long.

ff

scares of dy - in', But ol' man Ri - ver, He jus' keeps rol - lin' a - long.

ff

scares of dy - in', But ol' man Ri - ver, He jus' keeps rol - lin' a - long.

ff *molto rall.*

B^bm E^b7 A⁷#4 A^b B^bm E^bm⁹ A^b7 D^b B⁷ D^b