

River (Bill Staines)

G **C** **G**
I was born in the path of the winter wind
D7
I was raised where the mountains are old
G **C** **G**
Their springtime waters came dancing down
D7 **G**
And I remember the tales they told

G **C** **G**
The whistling ways of my younger days
D7 **Dm**
Too quickly have faded on by
G **C** **G**
But all of their memories linger on
D7 **G**
Like the light in a fading sky

Chorus:

G **D7** **G** **D7**
Ri-ver, take me along in your sun-shine, sing me
your song
C **G**
Ever mo-ving and winding and free
C **G** **C** **G**
You rolling old river, you changing old river
C **D7** **C** **G**
Let's you and me, river, run down to the sea

G **C** **G**
I've been to the city and back again
D7
I've been moved by some things that I've learned
G **C**
Met a lot of good people and I've called them
G
friends
D7 **G**
Felt the change when the seasons turned
G **C** **G**
I've heard all the songs that the children sing
D7
And listened to love's melodies
G **C** **G**
I've felt my own music within me rise
D7 **G**
Like the wind in the autumn trees

(Chorus)

G **C** **G**
Someday when the flowers are blooming still
D7
Someday when the grass is still green
G **C** **G**
My rolling waters will round the bend
D7 **G**
And flow into the open sea
G **C** **G**
So, here's to the rainbow that's followed me here
D7
And here's to the friends that I know
G **C** **G**
And here's to the song that's within me now
D7 **G**
I will sing it wherever I go

(Chorus)

