



River

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This is an easy for guitar version of our favorite Christmas song. I've never played River before because it's a piano song, but I decided to go for it. If you are learning guitar or got a guitar for Christmas, you can learn this song. There are only 5 chords: C, F, G, Am, and Dm7.

Glossary:

*=finger position

/=strum once

X=string not played

Intro:

Strum to the rhythm of Jingle Bells:

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||||*|  ||||*|  ||||*|  |||||  ||||*|  |||xxx
||*||  ||*||  ||*||  |*||  ||**|  |*||
|*||  |*||  |*||  *|||*  ||||  *|||
  C      C      C      G      Am     G
  ///    ///    /      /      /      /      repeat twice

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Verse 1:

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||||**      ||||*|
|||*||      ||*||
||*||      |*||
  F          C

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It's coming on Christmas

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||||**      ||||*|
|||*||      ||*||
||*||      |*||
  F          C

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They're cutting down trees

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||||**      ||||*|
|||*||      ||*||
||*||      |*||
  F          C

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They're putting up reindeer

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||||**      ||||*|
|||*||      ||*||
||*||      |*||
  F          C

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And singing songs of joy and peace

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||||*|      |||||
||**||      |*||
|||||      *|||*
  Am        G

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Oh I wish I had a river I could skate away on

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||||**      ||||*| |
|||*||      ||*|||
||*|||      |*||||
  F          C

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But it don't snow here

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||||**      ||||*| |
|||*||      ||*|||
||*|||      |*||||
  F          C

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It stays pretty green

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||||**      ||||*| |
|||*||      ||*|||
||*|||      |*||||
  F          C

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I'm going to make a lot of money

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||||**      ||||*| |
|||*||      ||*|||
||*|||      |*||||
  F          C

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Then I'm going to quit this crazy scene

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||||*|      |||||
||**||      |*|||
|||||      *|||*
  Am          G

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Oh I wish I had a river I could skate away on

Chorus 1:

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||||**      |||||
|||*||      |*|||
||*|||      *|||*
  F          G

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I wish I had a river so long

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||||*|      ||||**  ||||*|  ||||**
||*|||      ||*||  ||**||  |||*||
|*||||      ||*||  |||||   |||||
  C          F      Am      Dm7

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I would teach my feet to fly-----eye-----eye-----oh---

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||||*|      |||||  ||||*|
||*|||      |*|||  ||**||
|*||||      *|||*  |||||
  C          G      Am

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I wish I had a river I could skate away on

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||||**      ||||*|  ||||*|  |||||  ||||*|  |||||
|||*||      ||*|||  ||*|||  |*|||  ||**||  |*|||
||*|||      |*|||  |*|||  *|||*  |||||  *|||*
  F          C      C      G      Am      G

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I made my baby cry / /

Verse 2: (same chords as Verse 1)

He tried hard to help me

You know, he put me at ease

And he loved me so naughty

Made me weak in the knees

Oh, I wish I had a river I could skate away on

I'm so hard to handle

I'm selfish and I'm sad

Now I've gone and lost the best baby
That I ever had
I wish I had a river I could skate away on

Chorus 2: (Same chords as Chorus 1)
Oh, I wish I had a river so long
I would teach my feet to fly
I wish I had a river
I could skate away on
I made my baby say goodbye

It's coming on Christmas
They're cutting down trees
They're putting up reindeer
And singing songs of joy and peace
I wish I had a river I could skate away on ...

Outro same as intro:

Strum to the rhythm of Jingle Bells:

*	*	*		*	xxx
*	*	*	*	**	*
*	*	*	* *		*
C	C	C	G	Am	G
///	///	/	/	/	/

repeat twice

End with:

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*
*
C
/