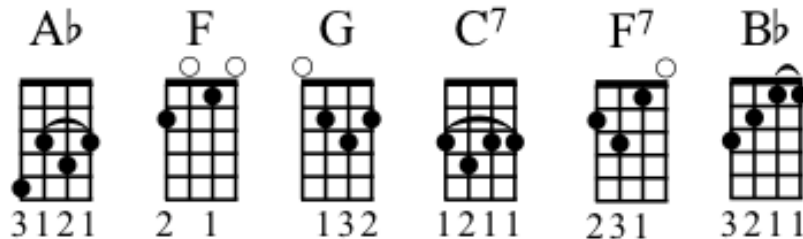


Big River



Johnny Cash



INTRO

Ab F Ab F

VERSE 1

F
Now I taught the weeping willow how to cry,
G C7
And I showed the clouds how to cover up a clear blue sky
F F7 Bb
And the tears that I cried for that woman are gonna flood you, Big River
F C7 F
Then I'm gonna sit right here until I die

VERSE 2

F
I met her accidentally in St. Paul, Minnesota
G C7
And it tore me up every time I heard her drawl, southern drawl
F F7 C7
Then I heard my dream was back Downstream cavorting in Davenport
F C7 F
And I followed you, Big River, when you called

BREAK

Ab F Ab F
Ab Bb Ab F
Ab C Ab F Ab F

VERSE 3

Then you took me to St. Louis later on down the river
A freighter said she's been here but she's gone, boy, she's gone
I found her trail in Memphis, but she just walked up the bluff
She raised a few eyebrows and then she went on down alone

VERSE 4

Now won't you batter down by Baton Rouge, River Queen, roll it on.
Take that woman on down to New Orleans, New Orleans
Go on, I've had enough, dump my blues down in the gulf
She loves you, Big River, more than me

BREAK

Ab F Ab F
Ab Bb Ab F
Ab C Ab F Ab F

VERSE 1

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