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C Am  
 We met in a place that was crowded with people  
 C Am C F  
 I was lonely and lost, and in search of a friend.  
 C\* C Am F  
 You seemed to be someone I needed to talk to  
 C Csus2C F C  
 We started a journey not seeing the end.  
 C\* C F C G  
 Time passed and our paths crossed more and more often  
 C F  
 Not completely by chance, nor precisely by plan.  
 C\* F C G  
 I sang you my songs and you told me your stories;  
 F C Csus2 F C  
 We loved without noticing when it began.

C C\* F G  
 Now I feel that I've known you for most of forever;  
 C Am C F  
 Old friends from the time before cities were made:  
 C\* F C G  
 We walked in the sunlight beside the wild rivers,  
 C Am F C  
 Slept in the quiet of a deep forest glade.

F\* C\* F  
 And love is a river that flows through time's forest  
 F C F  
 Smooth in the shadow, and sparkling in sun;  
 C\* C F C G  
 Over the stones it goes singing by starlight  
 C Csus2 F C  
 To pools of deep silence the clear waters run.

When you're cold and alone in high hills of spent passion  
 Or lost in dark valleys of grief and despair  
 Remember clear water runs down to the river  
 And follow your friendship to lead you back there.

It's a river so deep that we can't see the bottom,  
 A river so long we can't walk to the end;  
 We'll journey together beside the clear water;  
 As deep and as long as the love of a friend. And...

*refrain*

*repeat last 4 lines; don't slow down.*

Sometimes I just get carried away by a metaphor. This started out trying to be something quite different. It came together in less than 18 hours.

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