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*strum*  
 Am Dm Am  
 Oh she's a snake and she's wearing silver  
 Em Am  
 White water mocking me when I want gold  
 Dm Am  
 She winds around me and she makes me shiver  
 Em Am  
 Pours through my hands but so hard to hold  
 C Dm Am  
 I never saw myself as much of a dreamer  
 C Em7 Am  
 Just here to grab my stake and then get a wife  
 C Dm Am  
 I'd never seen the way she looks in winter  
 Am Em7 Am  
 Now I'm a madman and the river's my life

*pick*  
 C G Am  
 And she rises and she falls and she shines  
 C G Em  
 And she whispers all her treasure will be mine  
 C G6 Am  
 And she smiles like the sun, so fine  
 G6 G Am  
 Then her face turns away  
 C G Am  
 And she's running down the side of the hill  
 C G6 Em  
 And I'll die if I don't catch her and I know I never will  
 Am G6 Am  
 And she teases me and haunts me still  
 Em7 Am  
 In the chill of the day

*strum*  
 Am G Em  
 Oh Mama, your little boy's lost  
*pick*  
 Am G AmG Em  
 I came for the money not knowing the cost  
 Am G Em  
 I've got more now than I thought to boast,  
 Em7 Am  
 But I still have to stay.

Am Dm Am  
 Have you ever seen her banks in summer  
 Em Am  
 Bright gold and wildflowers sharing space?  
 Dm Am  
 Laughed in the valley and then heard her answer  
 Em Am  
 Followed her curves into a shadowed place?

C Dm Am  
 Don't try to tell me of the girls I'm missing  
 C Em7 Am  
 I never thought that you could understand  
 C Dm Am  
 I'll stand beside her with the sun's own blessing  
 Am Em7 Am  
 I'll feel her icy current ring my hand.

*CHORUS*

Am Dm Am  
 Hot autumn droughts have brought her hard to heel,  
 Em Am  
 Her sweating sides are strewn with gold to take.  
 Dm Am  
 I leave it there to watch her twist and wheel,  
 Em Am  
 Dig down to cavern beds for life's sweet sake.  
 C Dm Am  
 Oh mama, don't you weep and worry,  
 C Em7 Am  
 When rangers come to say I can't be found.  
 C Dm Am  
 I am her man and I am going with her,  
 Am Em7 Am  
 I'm gonna follow her, deep in the ground.

C G Am  
 And she'll rise, and she'll fall, and she'll shine  
 C G6 Em  
 And she'll whisper all her treasure will be mine  
 C Am  
 And she'll smile like the sun, so fine,  
 G6 G Am  
 Then her face turns away.  
 C G Am  
 And she'll run down the side of the hill  
 C G6 Em  
 And I'll laugh when I don't catch her 'cause I know I never will  
 Am G6 Am  
 And she'll tease me and she'll haunt me still  
 Em7 Am  
 In the chill of the day,  
 Am G Em  
 Oh mama, your boy is a man,  
 Am G Am G Em  
 Got all I wanted in the palm of my hand  
 Am G Em  
 And I know you still don't understand  
 Em7 Am  
 But I'm going to stay  
 Em7 Am  
 To the end of the day.