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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.

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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.