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strum. Breathe every line!

Am Dm Am
 Oh she's a snake and she's wearing silver — *angry*
 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 — *smile*
 G6 G Am
 Then her face turns away
 C G Am
 And she's running down the side of the hill — *frustrated*
 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 — *smile*
 Em Am
 Followed her curves into a shadowed place? — *erotic, sensuous*

Don't try to tell me of the girls I'm missing — *angry*
 I never thought that you could understand
 I'll stand beside her with the sun's own blessing — *defiant*
 I'll feel her icy current ring my hand. — *proud*

CHORUS

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

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