

BLACK MUDDY RIVER, from the 1987 Grateful Dead album "In the Dark"

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Instrumental Intro: A A7 D A F#m E D

Verse 1 (Bob):

A A7 D A
When the last rose of summer pricks my finger
A A7 D
and the hot sun chills me to the bone
A A7 D A
When I can't hear the song for the singer
F#m E D
and I can't tell my pillow from a stone

Chorus 1:

E A D A A E D
I will walk alone, by the black, muddy river and sing me a song of my own
E A D A F#m E D
I will walk alone, by the black, muddy river and sing me a song of my own

Verse 2 (Phil):

A A7 D A
When the last bolt of sunshine hits the mountains
A A7 D
and the stars start to splatter in the sky
A A7 D A
When the moon splits the southwest hori-zon
F#m E D
with the scream of an eagle on the fly

Chorus 2:

E A D A
I will walk alone, by the black, muddy river
A E D
and listen to the ripples as they moan
E A D A F#m E D
I will walk alone, by the black, muddy river and sing me a song of my own

Middle:

Bm **E** **A** **A/G#** **F#m**
Black, muddy river, roll on forever

E **A** **E** **A**
I don't care how deep or wide, if you've got another side
D **A** **D** **A** **D** **E** **A**
Roll, muddy river, Roll, muddy river, Black, muddy river, roll

Instrumental: **A A7 D A A A7 D A A7 D A F#m E D** x2

Bm **E** **A** **A/G#** **F#m**
Black, muddy river, roll on forever

E **A** **E** **A**
I don't care how deep or wide, if you've got another side
D **A** **D** **A** **D** **E** **A**
Roll, muddy river, Roll, muddy river, Black, muddy river, roll

Verse 3 (Eliot):

A **A7** **D A**
When it seems like the night will last fore-ver
 A **A7** **D**
and there's nothing left to do but count the years
 A **A7** **D A**
When the strings of my heart start to sever
 F#m **E** **D**
and stones fall from my eyes instead of tears

Chorus 3:

E **A** **D** **A** **A** **E** **D**
I will walk alone, by the black, muddy river and dream me a dream of my own
E **A** **D** **A** **F#m** **E** **D**
I will walk alone, by the black, muddy river and sing me a song of my own
 F#m **E** **D**
And sing me a song of my own

Instrumental Ending: A A7 D A F#m E D A