

Sweet South Anna River

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Alice Gerrard explains the backstory of this song:

<https://youtu.be/IBOuzH4SOoM>

Song recorded in the original key of G#:

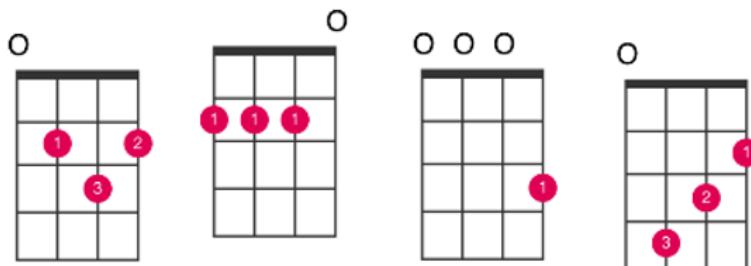
<https://youtu.be/2oyvZfiwObE>

G

D

C

Em



Note: Chords have been simplified from original guitar version.

---- Fiddle/Guitar Intro-----

G **D** **G**

On the Sweet South Anna River

C **G** **D**

Where the leafy waters flow.

C **G** **Em**

She whiled away, her childhood days,

C **D**

In the sweet long ago.

G **D** **G**

Her voice echoed down the river,

C **D**

From the distant shores of home.

C **G** **Em**

Remember me, I was a queen,

C **D**

Don't you cry when I am gone.

G D G

Let the River carry me on,

C D

Past the redbud and the pines.

C G Em

And won't you sing to me, as I take my leave,

C D

You are going to miss me all the time

G D G

When my life on earth is over,

C D

And the music fades away.

C G Em

Don't lay me down in the cold dark ground,

C D

In some lonesome old grave.

G D G

On the Sweet South Anna River,

C D

Where the soft breezes fan the air.

C G Em

Just lay me down, in a silvery gown,

C D

Wildflowers in my hair.

G D G

And let the River carry me on,

C D

Past the redbud and the pine.

C G Em

And won't you sing to me, as I take my leave,

C D

You're going to miss me all the time.

----- *Fiddle Break* -----

G D G

On the banks of the Sweet South Anna,

C D

As far as I can see.

C G Em

As I pass by, old friends of mine

C D

Will wave good bye to me.

G D G

Then good bye my sweet South Anna,

C D

There is nothing can compare.

C G Em

Remember me, I was a queen,

C D

Wildflowers in my hair.

G D G

And let the River carry me on,

C D

Past the redbud and the pine.

C G Em

And won't you sing to me, as I take my leave,

C D

You are going to miss me all the time.

--- Very Short Fiddle Break---

C G Em

Remember me, I was a queen,

C D

You're going to miss me, when I am gone.

