

Sweet South Anna River by Alice Gerrard

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

On the Sweet South Anna River
Where the leafy waters flow.
She whiled away, her childhood days,
In the sweet long ago.

Her voice echoed down the river
From the distant shores (of home).
Remember me, I was a queen,
Don't you cry when I am gone.

Let the River carry me on,
Past the redbud and the pines.
And won't you sing to me, as I take my leave
You are going to miss me all the time

When my life on earth is over,
And the music fades away.
Don't lay me down in the cold dark ground,
In some lonesome old grave.

On the Sweet South South Anna River,
Where the soft breezes fan the air.
Just lay me down, in a silvery gown,
Wildflowers in my hair.

And let the River carry me on,
Past the redbud and the pine.
And won't you sing to me, as I take my leave,
You're going to miss me all the time.

----- Fiddle Break-----

On the banks of the Sweet South Anna,
As far as I can see.
As I pass by, old friends of mine
Will wave good bye to me.

Then good bye my sweet South Anna,
There is nothing can compare.
Remember me, I was a queen,
Wildflowers in my hair.

And let the River carry me on,
Past the redbud and the pine.
And won't you sing to me, as I take my leave,
You are going to miss me all the time.

--- Very Short Fiddle Break---

Remember me, I was a queen,
You're going to miss me, when I am gone.



From Top, Left to Right: Elizabeth (Libba) Cotton, Hazel Dickens, Alice Gerrard, Libba Cotton, Peggy Seeger and her brother Mike Seeger

Alice Gerrard explains the backstory of this song:

<https://youtu.be/IBOuzH4SOoM>

Full version of the song in the key of G#.

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