

The River

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I'm standing on the stage
I'm working in a restaurant
I make a decent wage
and I will sing into the microphone

The river rise up
And flows above the interstate
Beyond the schools and shops
There's no way to communicate

The water's moving on
Beyond the lies and hypocrites
I'm thinking of a song
I need you to remember it
The forest is alive
It asks us to participate
We lifted up our eyes
To promise and reciprocate

We fell down on our knees
For ev'ry human being

One sad day I will fly away
And one sad day I will tip toe away

Ooh

But a change is gonna come
Like Sam Cooke sang in 63
The river sings a song to me
On ev'ry St Cecillia's day

So when I was reborn
I went back to the restaurant
The river's moving on from here
To sing it's crazy symphony
I'll go home where you are right in front of me.