

Skippin' In the Mississippi Dew

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Well, I dream of a girl and a steering wheel steamboat
A pilothouse stove and engine room brass
Hanging on a post by the main deck stairway
Long hair skippin' in the Mississippi dew

Oh, the river run wide, run deep, run muddy
The river run long after I am gone
With the steamboat wheeling on a big wide bend
Just skippin' in the Mississippi dew

Well, I went up the river come way last Sunday
Twelve feet of water on the Memphis gauge
Wouldn't be home without the muddy water rolling
Paddle wheel skippin' in the Mississippi dew

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Just skippin' in the Mississippi dew

Now it used to be Spring I'd ship on the river
Thirty five days on a balla... line boat
I'd make a little money, get a springtime chicken
And take off a skippin' in the Mississippi dew

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Oh, the river run long after I am gone
With the steam boat wheelin' round a big wide bend
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