Take me down to the river
Where I can hold your body close to mine
We can listen to the rhythm
Of that old water rollin'
You can stay with me until the mornin' light
Well, I found you on a Louisiana roadside park
Beat up, broke down, no place left to turn
Well, I took you back to Texas
Under a harvest moon

We found a little place to call our own
We shared all the hopes and dreams of our younger years
Married at the tender age of twenty-one
Rollin' down the highways
Dirtroads, and the by-ways

You liked to drive, so I could go shotgun And we'd go down to the river Where I would hold your body close to mine We'd listen to the rhythm Of that old water rollin'

You'd stay with me until the mornin' light Well, somewhere throught the years
Somebody turned your head
And took my love so far away from me
Yeah, he hauled you off to Boulder
Where the air gets much colder

Than this southern boy would ever like to see
And I think of callin' you on the lonely nights
When being alone gets the best of me
But this, here, whiskey bottle
Will take me to a place
Where you and I will always be
Want to go down to the river

Where I could hold your body close to mine
And we'd listen to the rhythm
Of that old water rollin'
And you'd stay with me until the mornin' light
And when you came back everybody said I was a fool
'Cause I took you back without two words to say
Yeah, but I couldn't go on livin'
Thinkin' about all I was missin'

And I don't give a damn 'bout what those people say Want to go down to the river?
Lets go down to the river
Gonna go down to the river