

# That Was The River

The Waterboys

These things you keep  
You better throw them away  
You wanna turn your back  
On your careless days  
Once you were tethered  
Now you are free  
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Now you are free

Well that was the river!  
This is the sea

Now if you're coming undone  
Maybe been alone too long  
Or just you've been suffering from  
A few too many  
Plans that have gone wrong  
And you're trying to remember  
How easy your life used to be  
And you're trying to remember  
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Well that was the river!  
This is the sea

Now you say you've got trouble  
You say you've got pain  
You say you've got nothing left to believe in  
Nothing to hold on to  
Nothing but chains  
You're trying to make sense  
Of something you just can't see  
You're trying to make sense  
And you know that you once held the key

But that was the river!  
This is the sea

Now I can see you wavering  
As you're trying to decide  
You've got a war in your head  
And it's tearing you up inside  
Forget all your schooling  
It won't give you the key  
Just forget all your schooling  
You won't find the key

No because that was the river  
And this is the sea!

Now I hear there's a train  
It's coming down the line  
It's yours if you hurry  
You've got still enough time  
And you don't need no ticket  
And you don't pay no fee  
And you don't need no ticket

You don't pay no fee

Because that was the river  
This is the sea!  
That was the river  
This is the sea!  
That was the river  
And this is the sea!  
That was the river  
The river the river  
The river the river  
The river the river  
The river the river  
The river the river  
And this is the sea!

This is the sea!  
Behold the sea!

Hey hey hey hey  
Hey hey hey hey  
Hey hey hey hey  
Hey hey hey