

# LIFE IS A RIVER

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- As I went out walking, on a fine summers day  
Through hills and the valleys, I soon lost my way
- 'Til I came to an old man, kneeling down by a stream  
Gazing into the water like he was lost in a dream
- In his hand was a picture he clung to for life
- His eyes filled with tears as he tried not to cry
- He looked to the heavens and started to pray
- In the quiet country silence, I could hear the man say

# CHOROUS

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- **And where it will take me, the Lord only knows**
- **I'll miss you sweetheart, your kindness and love**
- **But I know one day, we'll sail away on God's ocean above**

- **He said,**

- *"Now young man, you're a stranger to me  
Could I bother you kindly for your company?"*
- *Today I am thinking of a time long ago  
And I need to tell someone of a girl I loved so*
- *It's 42 years today since Rose took my hand  
And proudly I lived life, her husband, her man*
- *'Til only last week son, God took her away*
- *As I kissed her softly, these words **she did say"***

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- **And with that, the old man sent me on my way**
- **And sat by the water, I'll kneel for the day**
- **I look at the river, starting out on its life**
- **It's where I feel close to my beautiful wife**

## Psalm 34:18 NLT

*The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;  
he rescues those whose spirits are  
crushed.*

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