Down By The River – Neil Young

Note: Many folks don’t know, but my daughter is almost always in the room with me when I record. This recording features one of her special “discussions” prior to the song.

Tuning: Standard

Tempo: 80 bpm

Strumming Pattern: DDD, DU

Chords Used:

Em

Em7

A

Cmaj7

Bm

G
Intro: Em – Em7 – A (repeat a few times)

Em  Em7  A  Em  Em7  A
Be on my side, I'll be on your side, baby, there is no reason for you to hide.
Em  Em7  A  Em  Em7  A  Cmaj7 - Bm
It's so hard for me stayin' here all alone, when you could be takin' me for a riiiddde....

Cmaj7  Bm  C  Bm - D
She could drag me over the rainbow, and send me away.
G  D  A  G  D  A
Down by the river, I shot my baby
G  D  A  Em  Em7  A  Em - Em7 - A
Down by the river, dead..........ooh, shot her dead.

Em  Em  7  A  Em  Em7  A
You take my hand, I'll take your hand, together we may get away
Em  Em7  A  Em  Em7  A  Cmaj7 - Bm
This much madness is too much sorrow, it's impossible to make it today....

Cmaj7  Bm  C  Bm - D
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G  D  A  G  D  A
Down by the river, I shot my baby
G  D  A  Em  Em7  A  Em - Em7 - A
Down by the river, dead..........ooh, shot her dead.

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Em  Em7  A  Em  Em7  A  Cmaj7 - Bm
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Cmaj7  Bm  C  Bm - D
She could drag me over the rainbow, and send me away.
G  D  A  G  D  A
Down by the river, I shot my baby
G  D  A
Down by the river
G  D  A  G  D  A
Down by the river, I shot my baby
G  D  A
Down by the river
G  D  A  G  D  A (end on A)
Down by the river, I shot my baby