

# Down By The River

Albert Hammond

City life was gettin' us down  
So we spent the weekend out of town  
Pitched the tent on the patch of ground  
Down by the river.

Lit a fire and drank some wine  
You put your jeans on the top of mine  
Said, come in the water's fine  
Down by the river.

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Didn't feel too good all night  
So we took a walk in the morning light  
Came across the strangest sight  
Down by the river.

Silver fish lay on its side  
It was washed up by the early tide  
I wonder how it died  
Down by the river.

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Doctor put us both to bed  
He dosed us up and he shook his head  
Only foolish people go, he said  
Down by the river.

Why do willows weep, said he  
Because they're dying gradually  
From the waste, from the factories  
Down by the river.

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In time, the river banks will die  
The reeds will wilt and the ducks won't fly  
There'll be a tear in the otter's eye  
Down by the river.

The banks will soon be black and dead  
And where the otter raised his head  
Will be a clean white stone instead  
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