

# River Of Hope

Big Country

High above the forest in an unseen place  
Where the clouds will gather on another race  
In the dungeon depths of an unknown cave  
There's a stream that springs with a world to save

And it gathers up strength as it rolls along  
And it gathers up hope for everyone  
But it runs to plains where the farmlands weep  
Through the brand new gardens where rich men sleep

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And show the whole damned world how to use it  
When I find it, when I prove it  
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Past the chemical plant where the junk flows in  
By the nuclear project where the children swim  
Under bridges in a city where the bodies float  
And the summer smell keeps the flies remote

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Through the swamp of a ghetto where the mission was lost  
Where the dope is king and the silver boss  
Past the trash and wreckage from the garbage trucks  
Past the oil slick where the jail boat docks

To a home in some sea at the nations end  
Where the submarine is freedom's friend  
If we need that river like we did before  
There can be no need for it lives no more

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