

# Only Our Rivers Run Free

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When apples still grow in September when blossoms still bloom o  
n each tree

When leaves are still green in December it's then that our land  
will be free

I wander her hills and her valleys and still through my sorrow  
I see

A land that has never known freedom, only her rivers run free

I drink to the death of her manhood, those men who would rather  
have died

Than to live in the cold chains of bondage to bring back their  
rights were denied

Where are you now when we need you, what burns where the flame  
used to be?

Are you gone like the snows of last winter will only our rivers  
run free

How sweet is life but we're crying how mellow the wine that wer  
e dry

How fragrant the rose but its dying how gentle the wind but it  
sighs

What good is youth when its ageing what joy is in eyes that can  
see?

There is sorrow in sunshine and flowers and only our rivers run  
free