

## Up The River

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Billy was a young man gone astray  
Bottle at his lips all night and day  
Mama said they're gonna send you up the river someday  
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Whiskey ate big holes in Billy's head  
Summer's day he shot spud murphy dead  
He said i'm headed up the river as he watched the blood pour red  
Yeah headed up the river as he watched the blood pour red

Mama asked Lord Jesus what to do  
At the door came knocking boys in blue  
We're gonna send him up the river and make him pay his dues ma'am  
We're gonna send him up the river and make him pay his dues

And so she watched him round that riverbend go  
Billy felt a chill pass 'cross him cold  
They sent him up the river to turn a young man old  
Yeah They sent him up the river to turn a young man old