I've been a traveler most of my life never took a home never to ok a wife

Ran away young and decided to roam

I wanna see my mama and my daddy back home

Home where the river runs cold the water tastes good the winter s ain't cold

Home where trees grow tall the homefires burn and the whippoorw ills call

I remember stories that my pappa used to tell
My eyes get big and my chest begin to swell
I could sit for hours and listen with glee
As he'd tell of how he lived when he's a boy like me
Home where the river runs cold...

Well mama dear mama do you still love your boy
After all my roamin' can I still bring you joy
Mom sent a letter got it not long ago it said come home I'm a m
issin' you so
Home where the river runs cold...