

# Don't Go by the River

Voltaire

Don't go by the river  
If you love your wife  
'Cause you'll make that girl a widow  
And you'll cause her pain and strife  
If you go by the river side,  
You'll lose your l-l-l-l-life!

People by the river,  
They know who's the boss  
They'll get at fancy city folks  
No matter what the cost  
And if you go by the river side,  
You'll end up l-l-l-l-lost!

There's a bat they call Lestat  
Who'll sink his teeth in you  
You might meet a creature from the swampy black lagoon  
And if the moon is full,  
You might meet the loup-garou  
Don't go by the river side,  
You'll be sorry if you do!

A young man met a lady  
And she made this fellow swoon  
So they went on down to New Orleans  
To elope under the moon  
He took her by the river side,  
To give her the heir l-l-l-loom!

Well the next day he got outta bed and  
She wasn't by his side  
He searched the quarter high and low  
When the bayou far and wide  
Locals say she ran away  
But you know they l-l-l-l-lie!

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Who shivers when they hear about voo-doo?  
Don't lie to me, boy, I know you do!  
You better tremble when you hear me call!  
'Cause you'd make a lovely shrunken head  
You'll be my favorite voo-doo doll!

Sting went by the river,  
Now he slings on Bourbon Street  
And there's that song by Concrete Blonde about where it's warm and green  
And if you go by the river side,  
You'll never l-l-l-l-leave!

There's a bat they call Lestat

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And if the moon is full,  
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Don't go by the river side,  
(Don't go by the river side!)  
Said don't go by that river side,  
(Said don't go by that river side!)  
Don't go by the river side,  
(Why's that?)  
'Cause you might meet me if you do!