

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

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Moderately

Chord diagrams: A, E7, A, E7, E, A/E, E7, A/E, E7, D, A, E7, D, A.

mf

1 2

(1.,3.) I don't know why I
(2.) I don't know why you

love you like I do, — af - ter all these chang - es that you put me through. —
treat - ed me so bad. — Look at all these things — that we could have had. —



You stole my mon - ey and my cig - a - rettes, _____ and I have - n't seen hide nor
Love is a no - tion that I won't for - get, _____ my sweet six - teen, now I



hair of you yet. _____ I wan - na know. _____ Won't you tell _____ me, am I _____
nev - er re - gret. _____ I wan - na know. _____ Won't you tell _____ me, am I _____



_____ in love _____ to stay? _____
_____ in love _____ to stay? _____

(Take me, take me.)
Instrumental



Take me to the riv - er, and wash me down. _____



Won't you cleanse my soul, —

To Coda



To Next Strain

get my feet on the ground?
Instrumental ends

3

D.S.S. al Coda



Hold — me, love — me,



squeeze — me, — — — — — tease — me till I die, —

D.S.

(Take 3rd ending)

B7

till I die. Take me, ba - by, take me to the

CODA

D

A

E7

D

A

Yeah,

yeah, —

yeah,

yeah, —

E7

D

A

E7

D

A

— yeah.

Dip me in the wa - ter,

dip me in the

E7

1, 2

D

A

3

D

A

E7

wa - ter, ba - by. —

Dip me in the —

rit.