



*mp* (ri-ver's gon-na come down\_ soon)\_

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*mf* Wea-ther's co-min' on, I feel\_ it in my bones...

[drip drop] [drip drop] [drip drop] [drip drop]

*mp* *mf*

*cresc.*

*mp* Ri-ver's gon-na come down... Oh, well now... *mp* yeah, uh - huh! whoa -

*mf* Storm clouds are ga-the-rin' way up North,. Ri-ver's gon-na come down\_ soon.... Rain's gon-na fall, wa - ter's gon-na flow,-

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*cresc.*

oh! ...riv - er's gon-na run down, the Wa-ter's gon-na wash us up, by and by, \_

ri-ver's gon-na come down, soon, the Wa-ter's gon-na wash us up, by and by, ri-ver's gon-na come down, soon....

*f*

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34 *f* Rain's gon - na fall, wa - ter's gon - na flow, — ri - ver's gon - na come down, — Lord... the

*f* Ha - le - lu - jah! A - men! ...riv - er's gon - na run Lord... the

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**Slow & Straight** **a tempo & swing**

36 *mf* Wa - ter's gon - na wash us up, by and by, — Ri - ver's gon - na come down, — soon... —

*mf* Wa - ter's gon - na wash us up, by and by, ri - ver's gon - na come down, — soon... —

**Slow & Straight** **a tempo & swing**

**Performance Notes:**

Gulches, arroyos, culverts and ditches of the American South and West remain dry and dusty throughout the year, until that time when thunder is heard in the hills.

Many an unwary camper, hiker, or hunter have been washed away by the sudden wall of water that comes roaring down the gulch, caused by a spring downpour or a snow dam collapsing miles away in the mountains. The river has come down.

Those who have witnessed the experience from a safe distance may well find their thoughts swirling along with the flotsam downriver or tumbling along with the detritus, perhaps musing that in all renewal there must first be destruction...or maybe one rainy afternoon the composer was simply sitting on his back porch with a guitar.

Either way, it's probably best not to think about it too hard and smother the spontaneity.

Pianists: The noodley triplet bits should be treated carelessly, as one does with a decorative garnish. Like the sprig of mint served in a julep, if it causes you heartburn please leave it out.