

River

Eminem

(Scroll to bottom for a No Capo version that matches the original recording)

Chorus

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      Em   G   C   D       Em   G   C   D
e|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|
G|-----|-----|
D|-----0--2-----|-----0--2---4\--|
A|--2---2--3---5\--|--2---2--3---5\--|
E|--0---3--3---5\--|--0---3--3-----|

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Verse

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      Em   G   C   D       Em   G   C   A5
e|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|
G|-----2--|-----2--|
D|--2---0--2---0--|--2---0--2---2--|
A|--2---2--3---0--|--2---2--3---0--|
E|--0---3--3-----|--0---3--3-----|

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Notes: - C is actually C/G, shown as C for simplicity
 - D is actually D/A and D/F# during verse as defined above

Capo 4th fret

[Intro Chorus]

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      Em           G       C
I've been a liar, been a thief, been a lover, been a cheat
      D   Em           G       C
All my sins need holy water, feel it washin' over me
      D           Em           G       C
Well little one, I don't want to admit to something
      D   Em           G           C
If all it's gonna cause is pain, truth in my lies right now are falling like the rain
      D
So let the river run

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[Verse 1]

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Em           G
He's coming home with his neck scratched to catch flack
C           D
Sweat jackets and dress slacks, mismatch
Em           G
On his breast jacket is a sex addict and she just wants to
C           A5       D
Exact revenge and get back

      Em           G
It's a chess match, she's on his back like a jetpack
      C           D
She's kept track of all his internet chats and guess who just
Em           G
Happens to be moving on to the next actually
      C           A5       D
Just shit on my last chick and she has what my ex lacks

Em           G
'Cause she loves danger, psychopath

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C And you don't fuck with no man's girl, even I know that D

Em But she's devised some plan to stab him in the back G

C Knife in hand, says the relationship's hanging by a strand A5 D

Em So she's been on the web lately G

C Says maybe she'll be my Gwen Stacy, to spite her man D

Em And I know she's using me to try to play him G

C I don't care, "hi Suzanne", but I shoulda' said "bye Suzanne"

After the first night, but tonight I am

[Chorus 1]

Em I've been a liar, been a thief, been a lover, been a cheat G C

D Em All my sins need holy water, feel it washin' over me G C A5

Em Well little one, I don't want to admit to something G C

D Em If all it's gonna cause is pain, truth in my lies now are falling like the rain G C

A5 So let the river run

[Verse 2]

Em One night stand turned into two night stayin', it was cold G

C And some might scam, y'all we hug tight and D

Em He found out, now she feels deserted and used G

C 'Cause he left, so what, he did it first to her too A5 D

Em Now how am I supposed to tell this girl that we're through? G

C It's hard to find the words, I'm aloof, nervous and suited D

Em When it's too hurtful but what you deserve is the truth

G C Don't take it personal, I just can't say this in person to you A5 D

Em So I revert to the studio like Hole In The Wall diners G C

D Don't have to be reserved in a booth

Em I just feel like the person who I'm turnin' into's G

C Irreversible, I prayed on you like it's church at the pew A5 D

Em
 And now that I got you I don't want you
 G C
 Took advantage of my thirst to pursue
 D
 Why do I do this dirt that I do?
 Em G
 Get off my soapbox and preach, my sermon in speech
 C
 Detergent and bleach is burned in the womb
 'Cause now with her in the womb
 We can't bring her in this world, shoulda knew
 To use protection 'fore I bit into your forbidden fruit

[Chorus 2]

Em G C
 I've been (fuck!) a liar, been a thief, been a lover, been a cheat
 D Em G C A5
 All my sins need holy water, feel it washin' over me
 Em G C
 Well little one, I don't want to admit to something
 D Em G C
 If all it's gonna cause is pain, truth in my lies now are falling like the rain
 A5
 So let the river run

[Bridge]

Em G C
 My name's (oh-oh), my name's (oh-oh) Denver (oh-oh), never run
 Em G C
 Just call me (oh-oh), call me (oh-oh) River (oh-oh)
 N.C.
 We'll let the river run

[Verse 3]

C
 Always the bride's maid, never the bride, hey
 D5
 Fuck can I say, if life was a highway
 C
 The sequel's an enclave, I'll be swerving in five lanes
 Em D5
 Speeds at a high rate like I'm sliding on ice maybe
 C
 That's why I'm made, that came at you sideways
 Em
 I can't keep my lies straight
 C
 What I made you terminate my baby
 Em
 This love triangle left us in a wreck tangled

What else can I say, it was fun for a while, bet I really woulda loved your smile
 Didn't really wanna abort but fuck it, what's one more lie to tell an unborn child?

[Chorus 3]

I've been a liar, been a thief, been a lover, been a cheat
 All my sins need holy water, feel it washin' over me
 Well little one, (I'm sorry) I don't want to admit to something (I fucked up)
 If all it's gonna cause is pain, the truth in my lies now are falling like the rain
 So let the river run (river run, river run, river run)

 No capo version (matches original recording)

Chorus

Verse

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G#m	B	E	F#	G#m	B	E	F#	G#m	B	E	C#5
e -----	-----	-----	-----	e -----	-----	-----	-----	e -----	-----	-----	-----
B -----	-----	-----	-----	B -----	-----	-----	-----	B -----	-----	-----	-----
G -----	-----	-----	-----	G -----	-----	-----	-----	G -----	4-----	-----	6-----
D -----	4--6--	-----	-----	D -----	4--2--	-----	8\--	D -----	4--2--	-----	6--
A --6--	6--7--	9\--	-----	A --6--	4--2--	4--	9\--	A --6--	2--2--	4--	4--
E --4--	7--0--	9\--	-----	E --4--	-----	0--	9\--	E --4--	-----	0--	-----

Note: last F# during Intro Chorus is played as a power chord (244xxx)

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F# G#m B E C#5
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F# G#m B E
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C#5
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[Verse 2]

G#m B
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E F#
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F# G#m B E
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F#
So let the river run (river run, river run, river run)[/tab]