

Cruising Down the River 1

(On a Sunday Afternoon)

Two middle-aged lady musicians wrote this to win a British songwriting contest in 1945. It achieved worldwide fame four years later when H.M.S. Amethyst made its historic dash down the Yangtze—the crew sang this song as they defied Chinese guns. In the U.S.A. both Blue Barron and Russ Morgan recorded million-selling versions.

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Moderate Waltz tempo

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked 'Moderate Waltz tempo' and 'f' (forte). The introduction consists of two staves of music. The first staff features a series of chords: F, Fdim, F, Fdim, F, Am7-5, D7, G7, and Dm7. The second staff features a series of chords: G7, Dm7, G7, C7, Cdim, C7, and Gm7. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Cruising Down the River on a Sunday afternoon With one you love, the sun above waiting for the moon.' The score is divided into four systems, each with two staves. The first system contains the introduction and the first line of the melody. The second system contains the second line of the melody. The third system contains the third line of the melody. The fourth system contains the fourth line of the melody. The score is written in G major and 3/4 time.

Chords:

- F
- Fdim
- F
- Fdim
- F
- Am7-5
- D7
- G7
- Dm7
- G7
- Dm7
- G7
- C7
- Cdim
- C7
- Gm7
- C7
- Cdim
- C7
- Fdim
- C7
- Cdim

Lyrics:

Cruising Down the River on a Sunday
afternoon With one you love, the
sun above waiting for the moon.

5 fr. 5 fr.

The old ac - cord - ion play - ing

D7 G7 Dm7 G7 Dm7 G7 G#dim

A sen - ti - men - tal tune

soft

F Gm7 C7 F Am7-5 D7 G7

Cruis - ing Down The Riv - er on a Sun -

us

C7 F F7

af - ter - noon. The birds a - bove

mo

Bb

sing of love A gen - tle sweet re - frain

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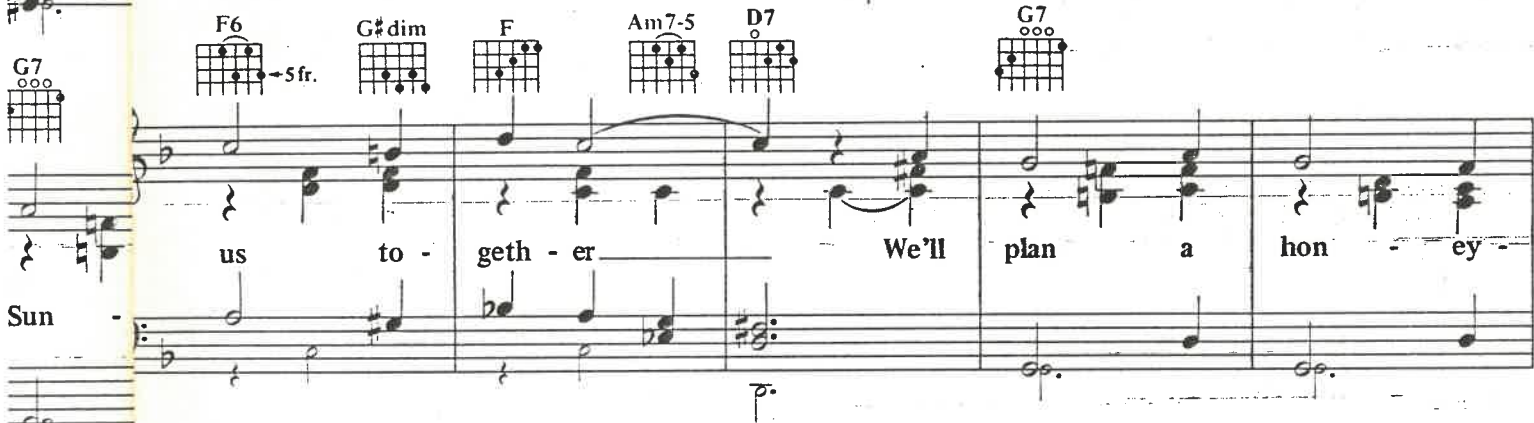
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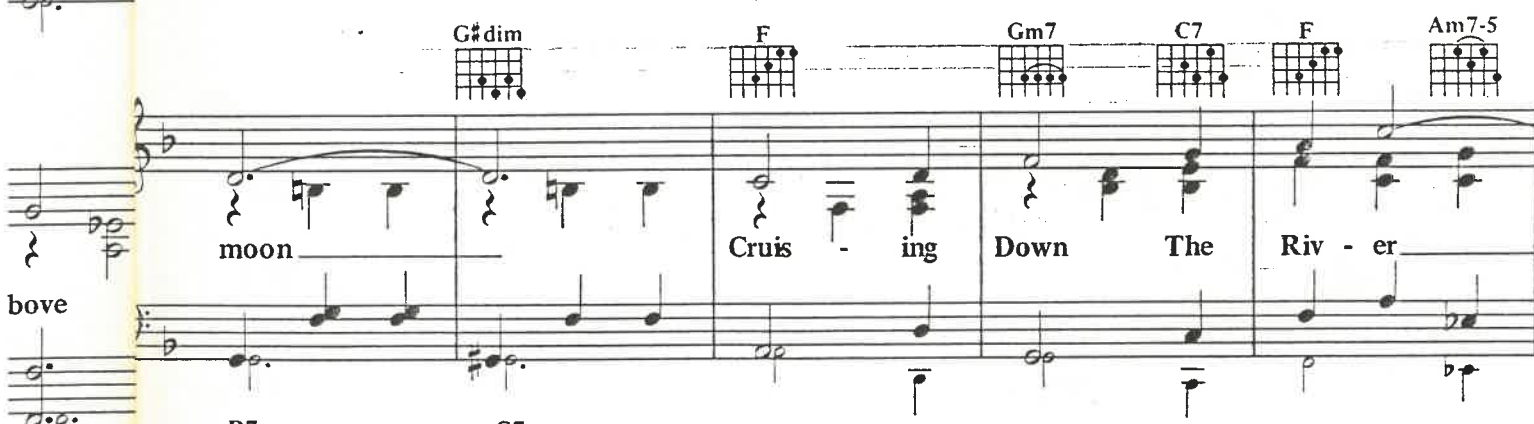
soft - ly fall - ing rain. Just two of



us to - geth - er We'll plan a hon - ey -



moon Cruis - ing Down The Riv - er



on a Sun - day af - ter - noon.

