

# Bruce Springsteen, Matamoros Banks

For two days the river keeps you down  
Then you rise to the light without a sound  
Past the playgrounds and empty switching yards  
The turtles eat the skin from your eyes, so they lay open to the stars

Your clothes give way to the current and river stone  
'Till every trace of who you ever were is gone  
And the things of the earth they make their claim  
That the things of heaven may do the same  
Goodbye, my darling, for your love I give God thanks,  
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Over rivers of stone and ancient ocean beds  
I walk on sandals of twine and tire tread  
My pockets full of dust, my mouth filled with cool stone  
The pale moon opens the earth to its bones  
I long, my darling, for your kiss, for your sweet love I give God thanks  
The touch of your loving fingertips  
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Your sweet memory comes on the evenin' wind  
I sleep and dream of holding you in my arms again  
The lights of Brownsville, across the river shine  
A shout rings out and into the silty red river I dive  
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