

Take Me To The River

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There are a few variations to this song. Here are two:

INTRO & VERSE VAMP:

E7 Asus4 A OR: E F# G E F# D A

E7 Asus4 A [etc.]
(E F# G E F# D A [etc.])

I don't know why I love you like I do.
After all the changes you been putting me through.
You took my money and my cigarettes.
Now, I ain't seen hide nor hair of you yet.

PRE-CHORUS:

C G D A A7
I wanna know, won't you tell me, am I in love to stay?

CHORUS:

E7 Asus4 A E7
Take me to the river, wash-- me down.
E7 E7+5 Asus4 A E Asus A
Take me to the water----, put my feet-- on the ground.

ALT. CHORUS:

E F# G	E F#	E F# G
Take me to the river (Take me to the river)		Take me to the river
G (A E F# G E F#	E F#	E F# G
Drop me in the water (Drop me in the water)		Drop me in the water
D A E F# G E F#	E F#	D A E F# G
Take me to the river (Take me to the river)		Take me to the river
G (A) E F# G E F# D A	E F#	G A E F#
Dip me in the water (Drop me in the water, water)		Dip me in the water
		G E F#
		Washing me down
		D A E F# G
		Washing me down
		E F# G (A) E F# G E F# D A

I don't know why she treated me so bad.
Think of all the things that we could have had.
Love is a notion that I can't forget.
My sweet sixteen I will never regret.

PRE-CHORUS & CHORUS:

BRIDGE:

Dbm A Dbm A

Hold me, love me, please me, tease me. [*alt: "squeeze me"*]

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'Til I can't, til I can't, til I can't, I can't take no more.

CHORUS: [*no PRE-CHORUS:*]

I don't know why I love you like I do.

After all the changes [*alt: "trouble"*] you put me through.

Sixteen candles are burnin' on my wall. [*alt: "...are there on my wall"*]

And here I am the biggest fool of them all.

PRE-CHORUS & CHORUS: