

Dirty Water

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This song is supposedly about 60s-era dorm curfews at Boston University (which lies between Commonwealth Ave. & the Charles River) and the "dirty water" of the Charles. The river's now much cleaner and this is a singalong staple at Fenway (along with - inexplicably - Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline"). You haven't lived 'til you hear 38,000 people sing it as one.

basic E riff for the song: E A D A/C#

[Intro spoken over the riff:]

I'm gonna tell you a story, I'm gonna tell you about my town.
I'm gonna tell you a big bad story, baby. Aww, it's all about my town.

[sung]

Yeah, down by the river, down by the banks of the river Charles.

[A riff] *[E riff]*

That's where you'll find me along with lovers, muggers, and thieves

CHORUS:

B Bb A
Well, I love that dirty water!

E A D A *[E riff]*

Oh, Boston, you're my home

Frustrated women have to be in by twelve o'clock.
But I'm wishin' and a-hopin', oh, that just once those doors were
locked.

CHORUS: *[2x]*

Well, I love that dirty water... *[repeat over riff and out]*

E chord riff:

[E]	[A/E]	[E7no3][A/E]
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A chord riff:

[A]	[D/A]	[A7no3][D/A]
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