

Down by the Water - The Decemberists

Strum Guide

Main Strum:

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 D U D U D U D U > = accent
 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

"Anon" strum

D D D D D D D D
 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

3 4
 G: 3x0003

Intro: / C - - - / Em - - - / C - - - / Em - D - /

Em **G**
 See this ancient riverbed

D **C**
 See where all the follies led

Em **D** **Em** (2)
 Down by the water, down by the old main drag

Em **G**
 I was just some towhead teen

D **C**
 Feelin' 'round for fingers to get in-between

Em **D** **Em** (2)
 Down by the water, down by the old main drag

Pre-Chorus:

Em **D** **Em** (2)
 The season rubs me wrong
Em **D** **C** (2 w/anon strum)
 The summer swells anon

Chorus:

Em **G**
 So knock me down, tear me up
D **C**
 But I would bear it all broken just to fill my cup
Em **D** **Em** (2)
 Down by the water and down by the old main drag

Repeat Intro

Em **G**
 Sweet descend this rabble 'round
D **C**
 the pretty little patter of a seaport town
Em **D** **Em** (2)
 Rolling in the water and rolling down the old main drag

Em **G**
 All dolled-up in gabardine
D **C**
 The lash-flashing Leda of pier nineteen
Em **D** **Em** (2)
 Queen of the water and queen of the old main drag

Pre-Chorus Chorus

Solo:

/ C - - - / Em - - - / C - - - / Em - D - /
 / Em - - - / G - - - / D - - - / C - - - /
 / Em - - - / D - - - / Em - - - / - - - - /

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Em **D** **Em** (2)
 Down by the water and down by the old main drag
Em **D** **Em** (2)
 Down by the water and down by the old main drag

w/ritard:

Em (hold) **D** (hold) **Em** (hold)
 Down by the water and down by the old main drag