

Cold River – John Hiatt

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*Key of G

*Chords used: G, G(B), C, D, D(A), D(F#), Em, Em7

*Notes in parentheses are bass notes to be applied with the chord.

Intro: G / G/ G / G

G C G(B) D(A) D
Well he packed up his suitcase, 'cause the deal gone down

D C G
She was slipping on her stockings, Lord it made the sweetest sound

G C G(B) D(A) D
There was a baby in the reeds along the river outside of town

D C G
As he wound his pocket watch to set time spinnin' 'em all around

G C G(B) D(A) D
Wasn't long they'd be forgetting this old rainy Texas day

D C G
Little fella wasn't meant for this old world anyway

G C G(B) D(A) D
Gambling and whoring, hiding from plain view

D C G
Tell me which one of us rounders would you trust this poor child to

Chorus:

C G D(A) G
You just roll on cold ri ----- ver

D(A) G C
Wash little Moses down

Em D(F#) G Em7 C G
We've got bus 'ness to at ----- tend to

D(A) G C
In Chicago town

C G(B) D(A) D(F#) G -----> C-G(B)-D(A) --> D -----> C -- G
In Chi-----ca-----go town

G C G(B) D(A) D
Well they rolled out of Austin on some kind of cattle train

D C G
She'd been with him for a year, didn't know his second name

G C G(B) D(A) D
He worked the small towns hustling nine ball, she hooked the truck stops too

D C G
They were trying to make Chicago before the winter come blowing through

G C G(B) D(A) D
Some trucker sprang a leak in California they supposed

D C G
Started working Arizona, Lord she missed the bloody rose

G C G(B) D(A) D
They rambled through the southwest making money and making time

D C G
But they never could find no help - not a doctor, not that kind

(Chorus)

G C G(B) D(A) D
Some women love their babies, some women won't have one

D C G
Some Texas woman found him and we're still on the run

G C G(B) D(A) D
The kind of life we're living, he'd only slow us down

D C G
Ain't good for nothing anyway, just rambling town to town

