

Running Bear

J P Richardson (The Big Bopper) 1959

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4 / 4 Time Intro: [C] [G] [D7] [G]

Note [] Indicates a repeat of the previous chord.

___ Indicates a Pause of 1 beat

On the [G] bank ___ of the [] river,
stood Running [C] Bear, ___ young Indian [G] brave.
On the [] other ___ side of the [] river,
stood his [A7] lovely ___ Indian [D] maid.
Little [G] White Dove ___ was-a [] her name,
Such a [C] lovely ___ sight to [G] see.
But their [] tribes ___ fought with each [] other,
So their [D7] love ___ could never [G] be.

Chorus: *Running [C] Bear, ___ loved little [G] White Dove,
With a [D7] love ___ big as the [G] sky. [G7]
Running [C] Bear ___ Loved Little [G] White Dove,
With a [D7] love that couldn't [G] die.*

He couldn't [G] stem ___ the raging river,
'cause the [C] river ___ was too [G] wide.
He couldn't reach ___ little White Dove,
Waiting [A7] on ___ the other [D7] side.
In the [G] moonlight ___ he could see her,
Throwing [C] kisses ___ 'cross the [G] wave.
Her little heart ___ was beating faster,
Waiting [D7] there ___
for her [G] brave, [G7] -----Chorus

Running [G] Bear dove in the water,
Little [C] White Dove did the [G] same,
And they swam out to each other,
Through the [A7] swirling stream they [D7] came.
As their [G] hands touched and their lips met,
The raging [C] river pulled them [G] down.
Now they'll always be together,
In that [D7] happy hunting [G] ground. -----Chorus



