

Stones in the River

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(This song has unusual timing. There are measures of 3 and measures of 4. The chords flow with the lyrics. The timing is noted as a 3 or 4 beats alongside the chords.)

Verse 1:

| 3: F G C/E | 4: F | 2: F G | 4: Am | | 3: F G C/E | 4: F | 2: F G | 4: Am | Am |

Verse 2, 3, 4:

| 3: F G C/E | 4: F | 2: F G | 4: Am | 3: F G C/E | 4: F | 4: F G C |

Chorus:

| 4: G/B | F G C | G/B | F G C | C/E | F G Am | 6: Am | 4: G | G |

Bridge:

| 3: F G C/E | 4: F | 2: F G | 4: Am | 3: F G C/E | 4: F | 4: F G C |

Chorus

Verse

Chorus

Verse 1:

| 3: F G C/E | 4: F |

There's a crack in the glass where the water gets out.

2: F G | 4: Am

There's a dusty wind when the heart's in drought.

| | 3: F G C/E | 4: F |

And the map of the world looks as if true north,

2: F G | 4: Am | Am |

Disappeared entirely.

Verse 2, 3, 4:

| 3: F G C/E | 4: F |

I can live divided or bent

2: F G | 4: Am |

Conspire in my own diminishment

3: F G C/E | 4: F |

Or believe in the better world I've dreamt

4: F G C |

That grows from inside out

Chorus:

| 4: G/B | F G C |
So today I'll drop stones into the river.

G/B | F G C |
And the current takes them out into forever.

C/E | F G Am |
And the truth is most of us will never know,

6: Am |
Where our best intentions go.

4: G | G
And still I'll drop another stone.

Verse

| 3: F G C/E | 4: F |
So we trust in a dim flashlight,

2: F G | 4: Am |
And always walk into available light.

3: F G C/E | 4: F |
I'm not a woman inclined to bet,

4: F G C |
But it's never failed me yet.

Chorus

Bridge:

| 3: F G C/E | 4: F | 2: F G | 4: Am | 3: F G C/E | 4: F | 4: F G C |

Chorus

Verse

| 3: F G C/E | 4: F |
The empty self still hears the call,

2: F G | 4: Am |
To live in the center of the ache and awe.

3: F G C/E | 4: F |
It's there the hope of the whole world shines.

4: F G C |
And yes, there still is time.

Chorus