

La Seine

Like the great river itself, the smooth-flowing song "La Seine" moves with the timeless excitement of Paris. By turns adventurous, pensive, languorous, giddy . . . this unusual salute to the Seine and her city/lover won France's coveted Grand Prix de la Chanson in 1948. In Guy Lafarge's famous music, the river sings the whole day and night through, unable to flow in a straight line — for Paris has gone to her head. Finally, and sadly, after a last embrace, she murmurs a soft lament in the night and slips on toward the sea where all things end.

Music by Guy Lafarge

French words by Flavien Monod and Guy Lafarge

English words by Allan Roberts and Alan Holt

Rapidly and freely

Moderate waltz

Cmaj7

C6

C

There we met and there we part - ed, By the
 Ell' rou - cou - le, cou - le, cou - le, Dès qu'elle

Em7

Eb°

G7

G°

Dm

love - ly Riv - er Seine Two young lov - ers
 en - tre dans Pa - ris! Ell' s'en - rou - le

12

Dm maj7

bro - ken - heart - ed
rou - le, rou - le,

For we knew we loved in
Au - tour de ses quais fleu -

16

C

vain.
-ris!

And though years may go, some - day I
El - le chan - te, chan - te,

20

C

know (s)he'll come to Pa - ris a - gain,
chan - te, Chant' le jour et la nuit.

24

Dm7

And I'll find her (him) where I lost her (him)
Car la Seine est une a - man - te

28

Am

By the love ly Riv - er Seine.
Et son a mant c'est Pa - ris!

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