



Banks of the Catawba

Tune in DAd

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D **Bmin** **Emin**

	0			0		1	
0	0			1		1	
	0	1	0	1	2	3	
		2	1	0		3	2 1 0

G **D** **Bmin** **F#min**

3		0		0		2	
1	1	0		1		2	
X	0			0	1	0	1 2 3
				2	1	0	4 4

G2 **D** **Bmin** **Emin**

3		0		0		1	
3	0	0		1		1	
4				0	1	0	1 2 3
				2	1	0	3 2 1 0

G **D** **Bmin** **G**

3		0		0		3	
1	1	0		1		3	
X	0			0	1	0	1 2 3
				2	1	0	5 4 3 5

A **B min** **G** **D**

4	5	3	2
4	5	3	3
4	5 6+	7 6+ 5 4	5 5 4 2 1 0

G **F# min** **G** **F# min**

3	3	2	3	2
1 0	1	2 0	1	2 0
X	0 1 0	4	0 1 0	4

G **F# min** **E min** **A** **D**

3	2	1	1	0
1	2	1	0	0
0 1 0	4 2	3 2 1	0	

The Catawba River is named after the Native American tribe that first settled its banks. They called themselves the Kawahcatawbas, or "people of the river." Today, it feeds a number of lakes on its way from McDowell County in western North Carolina to the Wateree River in South Carolina. It passes through my home county of Iredell where it fills up Lake Norman. At the north end of this lake, the Catawba is absolutely beautiful. This song is inspired by this river, whose history is tied up in my own family's history.