

# White Water

When I was young and in my prime Thought I'd go for a ri-ver dri-ver,  
I met an old man on the shore, He said, "Son, bet-ter watch white wa-ter.  
cho. Break and go I tell you so, Log jams like young men like you."

When I was young and in my prime,  
Thought I'd go for a river driver.  
I met an old man on the shore;  
He said, "Son, better watch white water."

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## Chorus:

Break and go, I tell you so,  
Log jams like young men like you.

I just laughed and I laughed some more.  
What was I but a bold young rouser?  
And I left him on the shore.  
That was before I knew white water.

What was I but a bold young fool.  
It didn't take long till I learned better;  
That's when young MacPherson drowned.  
He was gone with a roar when the jam turned over.

So we dragged him to the shore,  
Carved his name in the bark of a cedar,  
Hung his boots on a hangin' limb.  
Mac had gone too near the water.

Log jams come and log jams go;  
Big or small, they all spell danger.  
You gotta have an old man on the shore  
When you're tryin' to get the key log out from under.

So now I heed what the old man says;  
Listen to the words of the big boss driver  
When he's standing on the shore  
Tellin' young fellas how to handle timber.

## Last chorus:

Break and go, it's now I see,  
Log jams like young men like me.

This is a good fiddle tune; play it with a bounce. You will note that rather than place the chords A and Em exactly where they should go harmonically, I set up a harmonic pattern so that one's memory of the harmony carries through. I prefer to play in this way but if one prefers to play the A and Em strictly where they belong, so be it.

*Wade Hemsworth*