

Movin' on Down the River

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. Chord symbols (D, G, A7) are placed above the staff at the beginning of certain measures to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

D
I'm a - pack - in' my grip, I'm a - mov - in' on, For I'm a ram - bl - in'
Oh, Phil - a - del - phia's a fine old town, And so is Cin - cin -

G **D**
lad - die, And if the boat don't stop at the Phil - a - del - phia dock, I'll go
nat - i, The streets all lined with ten dol - ar bills, And the

A7 **D**
on to Cin - cin - nat - i.
pretty little girls are plen - ty.

G **D** **G**
I'm a - mov - in' on, I'm a - mov - in' on, For I can't stay here for -

D **G** **D**
ev - er, Oh, the steam is a - ris - in' and the big wheel's a - turn - in', I'm a -

A7 **D**
mov - in' on down the riv - er.

Don't choose you a girl with a rovin' eye,
Don't choose the one with money,
But choose you the one with the truest heart,
And kiss her and call her Honey.

Oh, I love that girl, she's a dear little thing,
But the tears they fall and blind me,
For I can't help a-thinkin' once in a while
About the girls I've left behind me.