

Floating Down The Manistee

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The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a chorus and two verses. The chorus (measures 1-16) features a melody of quarter and eighth notes with a simple harmonic accompaniment. The verses (measures 17-28) follow a similar melodic pattern but include more complex lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.C. al Fine'.

chorus: C Em Am G C
 Float - ting down th - e Man - is - tee,
 5 G F G
 My true love my bo - at and me.
 9 C G F Em
 Pret - ti - est sights I e - ver did see, we - re
 13 Am Em Am G C
 float ing down th - e Man - is - tee. *Fine*
 17 C Em Am G C
 verses: Man - is - tee Ri - ver ru - ns cold and clear,
 Coy - o - tes call and the warbl - ers sing,
 Lit - tle trout swi - ms do - wn in the brook, I
 Pad - dle our can - oe the - n take a rest,
 Tent - ing at night un - der star - ry skies, We
 21 Em F G
 Down through the country of the ot - ter and bear. I
 Whippoor - wills make the pine woods ring.
 tie my fly and cast my hook, I
 With the one that I love best. We
 tell all our stories and lis - ten to lies. We
 25 C G F Em
 Laugh at the ri - ver and it laughs back at me,
 Hum - ming - birds hum and the chick - a - dee dee,
 catch that trout then set her free,
 steal a kiss by the tam - a - rack tree,
 tell of the big fish that got a - way free,
 29 C Em Am G C
 float - ing down th - e Man - is - tee. *D.C. al Fine*

This is my souvenir of a marvelous trip Brian Lewis and I had in Michigan on the wilds of the Manistee River camping, fly fishing, canoeing, playing music, and star gazing. My wife Carrie wasn't there, but I was thinking of her in this song.