SHE IS OUR RIVER Mike Delaney, 9/29/2019

DAD **D7** Π D Α We are the downriver people We call ourselves the "Oohl" F#m G We paddle along Klamath River G Α Her water was once clear and cool She gave us redwood canoes G Α D And sent us salmon to eat F#m She always delivered; sacred Klamath River Α G Our lives once were peaceful and sweet Chorus: (in D, ³/₄ time) F#m G She is our river; Our life giver D G She deserves to live long and in peace G F#m She flows and feeds us; But now she needs us G We will deliver: ... She is our river

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But who has taken our water? And given back sewage and waste Why do so few salmon spawn? Why is the river disgraced?

The river needs our protection The water, fish, and the birds We must keep the river safe We must be true to our word

Chorus

Now we declare that our river Has the rights of a full tribal birth From the lake all the way to the ocean She nurtures us here on the earth

This is the best way to protect her To make her a member of the tribe We give her the rights of a person Because we know she is fully alive

Chorus x2