

Murrumbidgee Morning

C F C F

Intro/Fill

Verse: I'm

C F C

camped by the Mur-rum-bid-gee riv-er red-gums sprawled out tall a - bove___ me, An

C F C

hour be-fore the dawn and there's a thou-sand birds in cho-rus and they wake___ me, The

Am G F C

ri-ver's still, it's green and brown, the wa-ter le-vel's so far down, So

C Em F

ma-ny trees have fall-en from the drought, I

Am G F C

sip my morn-ing cof-fee as the buzz-ing in-sects bo-ther me, There's

C F *tacit*

no-thing much I have to think a-bout, *Chorus: On this Mur-rum - bid - gee*

F G Am

morn-ing,___ Mur-rum - bid - gee morn-ing,___

G F G Am

Mur-rum-bid-gee morn-ing,___ Mur-rum-bid-gee morn-ing,___

I'm camped by the Murrumbidgee, river redgums sprawled out tall above me
An hour before the dawn and there's a thousand birds in chorus and they wake me
The river's still, it's green and brown, the water level's so far down
So many trees have fallen from the drought
I sip my morning coffee as the buzzing insects bother me
There's nothing much I have to think about

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The irrigation channels run like patchwork to the vast horizon empty
The Riverina's called the ricebowl, water flows through fields as though there's plenty
The export contracts beckon but the experts these days reckon
That our rivers just can't take the strain much more
And meanwhile down the road you see the sheep as thin as scarecrows
Staggering in pastures dry and poor

This land is now in mourning
Murrumbidgee mourning (repeat)

I'm camped by the Murrumbidgee, river redgums sprawled out tall above me
An hour before the dawn and there's a thousand birds in chorus and they wake me
An Elder says that as a child the river then ran clear and wild
He says that he can't bear to see it now
I sip my morning coffee as the buzzing insects bother me
There's so much I have to think about

(On this) Murrumbidgee morning
Murrumbidgee morning (repeat twice)

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