



We are the downriver people  
We call ourselves the "Oohl"  
We paddle along Klamath River  
Her water was clear and cool

She gave us redwood canoes  
And sent us salmon to eat  
She always delivered; sacred Klamath River  
Our lives once were peaceful and sweet

**Chorus:**

**She is our river; Our life giver  
She deserves to live long and in peace  
She flows and feeds us; But now she needs us  
We will deliver; .... She is our river**

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**