

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