

# Running Bear Johnny Preston

(**Strum downstrokes only, 8's**)

Intro – **C** 4 bars + suitable Indian chants etc,

[**C**] On the bank of the river  
Stood Running [**F**] Bear young Indian [**C**] brave  
On the other side of the river stood his [**D7**] lovely Indian [**G**] maid  
Little [**C**] White Dove was-a her name such a [**F**] lovely sight to [**C**] see  
But their tribes fought with each other  
So their [**G**] love could never [**C**] be

Chorus – change strum to “swing” (**4's with light upstroke to each beat**)

Running [**F**] Bear loved Little [**C**] White Dove  
With a [**G7**] love big as the [**C**] sky  
Running [**F**] Bear loved Little [**C**] White Dove  
With a [**G7**] love that couldn't [**C**] die

(**Back to 8's**)

[**C**] He couldn't swim the raging river cause the [**F**] river was too [**C**] wide  
He couldn't reach Little White Dove waiting [**D7**] on the other [**G**] side  
In the [**C**] moonlight he could see her  
Throwing [**F**] kisses 'cross the [**C**] waves  
Her little heart was beating faster waiting [**G**] there for her [**C**] brave

Chorus (**Swing 4's**)

(**8's**)

[**C**] Running Bear dove in the water little [**F**] White Dove did the [**C**] same  
And they swam out to each other  
Through the [**D7**] swirling stream they [**G**] came  
As their [**C**] hands touched and their lips met  
The raging [**F**] river pulled them [**C**] down  
Now they'll always be together in that [**G**] happy hunting [**C**] ground

Chorus (**Swing 4's**) + end

With a [**G7**] love that couldn't [**C**] die [**G7**] [**C**]