

Running Bear - Johnny Preston

(Throughout the verses there are “humba humba” sounds in the background)

1. On the banks of the river stood Runnin' Bear, young Indian brave,
On the other side of the river stood his lovely Indian maid.
Little White Dove was-a her name, such a lovely sight to see,
But their tribes fought with each other, so their love could never be.

CHORUS:

Runnin' Bear loved Little White Dove with a love big as the sky.
Runnin' Bear loved Little White Dove with a love that couldn't die.

2. He couldn't swim the raging river, 'cause the river was too wide,
He couldn't reach, Little White Dove waiting on the other side.
In the moonlight he could see her throwing kisses 'cross the waves,
Her little heart was beating faster waiting there for her brave.

CHORUS

3. Runnin' Bear dove in the water, Little White Dove did the same,
And they swam out to each other, through the swirling stream they came.
As their hands touched and their lips met the ragin' river pulled them down,
Now they'll always be together in that happy hunting ground.

CHORUS