

Farewell to the Gold by Paul Metsers – NZ folk song

(3/4 time)

- 1) **C G Am Em**
Shotover River, your gold it is waning
F G C G
It's weeks since the color I've seen.
C G Am Em
But it's no use complaining or Lady Luck blaming
F G C
I'll pack up and make the break clean.

CHORUS:

G C G
Farewell to the gold that never I found,
Am F G
Goodbye to the nuggets that some-where abound
C G Am Em
For it's only when dreaming that I see you gleaming
F G C
Down in the dark deep under-ground.

- 2) **G Am Em**
It's nearly two years since I left my old mother
F G C ~G
For adventure and gold by the pound.
C G Am Em
With Jimmy the prospector, he was another,
F G C
For the hills of Otago was bound. + **CHORUS**

- 3) **G Am Em**
Well we worked the Cardrona's dry valley all over
F G C ~G
Old Jimmy Williams and me.
C G Am Em
They were panning good dirt on the winding Shotover
F G C
So we drifted down there just to see.

- 4) **G Am Em**
We sluiced and we cradled for day after day
F G C ~G
Barely making enough to get by;
C G Am Em
'Til a terrible flood swept poor Jimmy away
F G C
During six stormy days in July.

CHORUS + VERSE 1 + CHORUS