

Floating Down the River

(Jump Josie)

Tennessee

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'We're float - ing down the riv - er. We're float - ing down be - low. We're' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'float - ing down the riv - er to the O - hi - o. Two in the mid - dle and you'. The third staff continues with lyrics 'can't jump Jo - sie. Two in the mid - dle and you can't jump Jo - sie. Two in the'. The fourth staff concludes the melody with lyrics 'mid - dle and you can't jump Jo - sie. Oh, my Su - san Brown. ____'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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float - ing down the riv - er to the O - hi - o. Two in the mid - dle and you
can't jump Jo - sie. Two in the mid - dle and you can't jump Jo - sie. Two in the
mid - dle and you can't jump Jo - sie. Oh, my Su - san Brown. ____

Verse 2: 4 in the middle.....

Verse 3: 8 in the middle.....

Verse 4: Get out of there if you can't jump Josie.

Game: Circle, moving slowly around 1 child in middle, who chooses a partner while "floating down the river." On 2/4 part, partners jump up and down. (Circle stops.) On next "floating..." those 2 people each choose a new partner. Again for verse 3. Verse 4, the children in the middle scurry out, and rejoin the circle. Continue the game until everybody has had a turn.