

There's More to the River Than Meets the Eye
Lyrics by Star Primary Year 6

RAP

The coke comes in along the sea
From Newcastle to Tilbury
Then onto barges on the Lea
For Cody Dock and the factories

SING

By 12 o'clock we're bent with pain,
From swinging those picks in the wind and
rain,
Not even a break to have our tea,
At The Gas Light and Coke Company.

CHORUS

*There's more to the river than meets the eye,
It brought us here for a better life,
It turns the wheels of industry,
It holds up my community.*

RAP

The war has taken the men away
And we work so hard, day after day
Dangerous work for so little pay
There must be a better, a better way

SING

On these towers we are free,
To talk about our poverty,
And how we want equality,
To change our children's destinies.

CHORUS

*There's more to the river than meets the eye,
It brought us here for a better life,
It turns the wheels of industry,
It holds up my community.*

Left Right Left Right
March and Swing...

RAP

And now when I walk by the River Lea
Past the old docks and factories
I hear their ghosts calling up to me
With strength and courage and dignity

SING

We'll care for the river we'll make it clean
Because we know how much it means
Our care will flow out to the sea
Out to the world, from the River Lea

CHORUS

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It turns the wheels of industry,
It holds up my community.*