

Messing About On The River

Key: C, D; 3time



Intro: [C x3] [C x3] [C x3] [C x3]

When the [C] weather is fine then you [G] know it's the time
For [F] messing a- [G] bout on the [C] river;
If you take my advice there's [G] nothing so nice
As [F] messing a- [G] bout on the [C] river.
There's [F] long boats and [C] short boats and [G] all kinds of [C] craft
And [F] cruisers and [C] keel boats and [D7] some with no [G] draft.
So [C] take off your coat and [G] hop in a boat,
Go [F] messing a- [G] bout on the [C] river. [C x3] [C x3]

There are [C] boats made from kits that'll [G] reach you in bits
For [F] messing a- [G] bout on the [C] river,
Or you might want to scull in a [G] glass fibre hull
Just [F] messing a- [G] bout on the [C] river.
There are [F] tillers and [C] rudders and [G] anchors and [C] cleats
And [F] ropes that are [C] sometimes re- [D7] ferred to as [G] sheets.
With the [C] wind in your face there's [G] no finer place
Than [F] messing a- [G] bout on the [C] river. [C x3] [C x3] [D x3] [D x3]

There are [D] skippers and mates and [A] rowing club eights
Just [G] messing a- [A] bout on the [D] river.
There are pontoons and trots, and [A] all sorts of knots
For [G] messing a- [A] bout on the [D] river.
With [G] inboards and [D] outboards and [A] dinghies you [D] sail,
The [G] first thing you [D] learn is the [E7] right way to [A] bail.
In a [D] one seat canoe you're the [A] skipper and crew
Just [G] messing a- [A] bout on the [D] river. [D x3] [D x3]

There are [D] bridges and locks, and [A] moorings and docks
When [G] messing a- [A] bout on the [D] river.
There's a whirlpool and a weir that you [A] mustn't go near
When [G] messing a- [A] bout on the [D] river.
There are [G] backwater [D] places all [A] hidden from [D] view
And [G] quaint little [D] islands just [E7] waiting for [A] you.
So I'll [D] leave you right now to [A] cast off your bow,
Go [G] messing a- [A] bout on the [D] river.

[G x3] [A x3] [D x3] [D]

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