

Messing about on the River

Start Note E
Strum : D dd

3/4 time

[C] [C] [C] [C] //

When the [C] weather is fine / you [G] know it's a sign /

For [F] messing a-[G7] bout on the [C] river //

If you take my advice / there's [G] nothing so nice /

As [F] messing a-[G7]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 [G7] draft //

So [C] take off your coat / and [G] hop in a boat //

Go [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river //

There are [C] boats made from kits / that'll [G] reach you in bits /

For [F] messing a-[G7] bout on the [C] river //

Or you might want to scull / in a [G] fibre glass hull /

Just [F] messing a-[G7]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 [G7] sheets /

With the [C] wind in your face / there's [G] no finer place //

Than [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river //

There are [C] skippers and mates / and [G] rowing club mates /

Just [F] messing a-[G7] bout on the [C] river //

There are pontoons and trots / and [G] all sorts of knots /

For [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river //

With [F] inboards and [C] outboards and [G] dinghies you [C] sail /

The [F] first thing you [C] learn is the [D7] right way to [G7] bail /

In a [C] one-seat canoe / you're the [G] skipper and crew //

Just [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river //

There are [C] bridges and locks / and [G] moorings and docks /

When [F] messing a-[G7] bout on the [C] river //

There's a whirlpool and weir / that you [G] mustn't go near /

When [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river //

There are [F] backwater [C] places all [G] hidden from [C] view /

And [F] quaint little [C] islands just [D7] waiting for [G7] you /

So I'll [C] leave you for now / to [G] cast off your bow /

To [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river //

