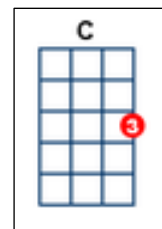


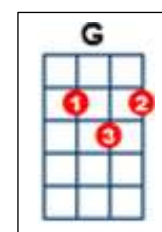
When the [C] weather is fine you [G] know it's a sign
 For [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river
 If you take my advice there's [G] nothing so nice
 As [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river



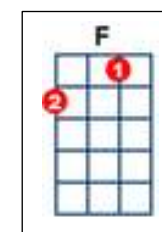
There's [F] long boats and [C] short boats and [G] all kinds of [C] craft
 And [F] cruisers and [C] keel boats and [D7] some with no [G7] draft
 So [C] take off your coat and [G] hop in a boat
 Go [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river



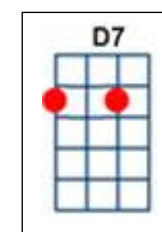
There are [C] boats made from kits that'll [G] reach you in bits
 For [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river
 Or you might want to scull in a [G] fibre glass hull
 Just [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river



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 eights
 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 whirlpools 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 right now, to [G] cast off your bow
SLOWING To [F] messing a-[G7]bout on the [C] river [C!] [C!]