

River Boy by Fred Carter sung by Willie Nelson , arr Mitch

Intro picking on C

I was [C] born and raised on the [F] river

It's the [G] only life that I [C] know
People 'round here have put a [F] name on me
And I [G] hear it wherever I [C] go

They call me river boy, [F] river boy
[G] Good for nothin'[C] river boy
This old world don't hold a [F] whole lot of joy
When you're [G] nothin' but a river [C] boy

I do a lot of fishin' on the [F] river
To [G] make my livin' you [C] see
When I take my catch to the [F] market place
The [G] people call out to [C] me

[spoken]

And they say, [C] *river boy, hey, [F] river boy*
You [G] got any fish today there, river [C] boy.

I sell my wares, but [F] nobody cares
About the [G] feelin's of the river [C] boy ---→ CHORD CHANGE TO [D]

[D] There's a pretty girl works at the [G] market place
I [A] see her there [D] everyday
But when I try to [G] talk to her
I can [A] hear her papa [D] say

[spoken]

[D] Come away from that river boy, [G] *he's a river boy*
[A] *Nothin' but riff-raff, them [D] river boys*
[D] No girl of mine is gonna [G] waste her time
On a [A] good for nothin' river [D] boy

So I head my boat back up the [G] river
[A] Back to my old fishin' [D] place
I'm afraid this ol' river's gonna [G] overflow
From the [A] tears a-fallin' down my [D] face

I'm nothin' but a [D] river boy, [G] river boy
A [A] good for nothin' [D] river boy
This old world don't hold a [G] whole lot of joy
When you're [A] nothin' but a river [D] boy

This old world don't hold a [G] whole lot of joy
Slow When you're [A] nothin' but a river [D] boy

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