

Can You Canoe?
A Mississippi River Adventure Album
The Okee Dokee Brothers

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Can You Canoe?

E

We don't need a motor, we don't need a sail

A E

We don't need no fins or gills, and we don't need a tail

B

Let's just keep it simple, we'll each get an oar

Paddle out to no man's lake and float till we can't no more

A E

Can you canoe on a little boat built for two

A E B

Can you canoe? I'll be your captain and your crew

A E

Can you canoe if there's nothing better to do

E B E

I wanna float down a river with you.

We don't need no outlets, we don't need no wires

Primetime entertainment will be lightnin' bugs and fires

Lets just keep it simple, unplugged and outside

Sound waves on the water don't need to be amplified

I'll take the bow brother, you can take the stern

I'll move us forward, while you choose when to turn

Let's just keep it simple, we all need a friend

In this current moment instead of lookin' around the bend

Haul Away Joe

A

Goodbye and don't ya cry

D A

I'm goin' to Louisiana

D A E A

Way haul away we'll haul away Joe

To buy a dog and a muddy old hog

And marry Suzy Anna

Way haul away we'll haul away Joe

D A E F#m

Way haul away we're bound for better weather

D A E A

Way haul away we'll haul away Joe

D Bm

Haul away Joe me boys

A F#m

Meetin' on up with the old St. Croix

(Floatin' on down to Illinois)

D

Keep on rowin' me boys

E A

It's a raftman's life for me (2x)

My mother told me long ago

She wished I'd be a lawyer

Much to her chagrin,

I don't have an employer

Toy cars and candy bars

Is just a waste of money

Cornbread is all ya need

With butterbeans and honey

Sing a song and get along

Way down to Sarasota

Then hop a barge up through the arch

And back to Minnesota

Mr. and Mrs Sippy

D
Mister and Missus Sippy
G D
Got married in the fall
B7 E7
Left the church that very same day
A7 D
For their honeymoon in St. Paul

D G D G D A
M-I-double S-I-double S-I-P-P-I
D G D G D A D
M-I-double S-I-double S-I-P-P-I

Mister and Missus Sippy
They rambled and they roamed
But when got down to St. Louie
They made themselves a home

Mister and Missus Sippy
Were traveling south bound
Had some kids and raised 'em
In good old Memphis Town

Mister and Missus Sippy
Had no place left to go
So they drifted down past New Orleans
To the Gulf of Mexico

Bridge:
A G D A
You can't find me 1 Mississippi, 2 Mississippi, 3
G D A D
4 Mississippi, 5 Mississippi, Olly Olly Oxen Free!

Sing it backwards I-P-P-I-double S-I-double S-I-M (x2)
Sing it forwards! (x2)

The Bullfrog Opera

C#m E A E
We're sleeping out in the forest again
A E B
Far from the cities and the streets
 C#m E A E
But if we close our eyes and we improvise
 A B E
We can make it to New York in our dreams
A E B C#m
The moon becomes a streetlamp in Central Park
 A E B
And the river is a train Brooklyn bound
A E B C#m
And the stars turn into pearls on high-heeled girls
 A B E
Getting ready for a night on the town

 A B E
(So let's take 'em to) The Bullfrog Opera

 A G#7 C#m
And the raccoon's masquerade ball
 A E A E
We've got Broadway tickets to see a chorus line of crickets
 B7 E
And the loons are playing Carnegie Hall

Our tent starts looking like the Plaza Hotel
Tonight we'll sleep like we're rich
The trees grow to equate the size of the Empire State
And the trail becomes the Triborough Bridge
We're sitting front row at nature's symphony show
With the winds, the reeds and the strings
We wait for the piano to cue the soprano
'Cuz it's not over 'til the fat lady sings
(And she's singing at the)

Rosita

G D
Rosita the skeeta

C D
Ain't no skeeta sweeta

C A7
But she's a man eata

D G
Rosita the Bug

C A D G
I tried keeping her away with bug spray galore
But she kept on coming back for more
So now I'm covered from head to toe
With kisses from a mosquito (named)

Do I itch the scratch or scratch the itch
I never can tell which one's which
But I think I'd be doin' fine
If I could take a bath in calamine ('cuz)

Bridge:

G D
Fly around my pretty little miss fly around my daisy
G D G
Fly around my pretty little miss ya almost drive me crazy (x2)

Campin' Tent

G (F#) Em
I got myself in trouble
Am C D
When I bought myself a home
G B7 C C/B
'Cuz I thought myself a millionaire
D D7 G
But then I couldn't pay off the loan

So I moved down to the river
Where fishin' hooks pay the rent
And now I'm livin' off of rice and beans
And sleepin' in my campin' tent

C D
My campin' tent
G (F#) E7
It's my transportable affordable apartment
A7 D7
Where I open the roof zipper and can watch the big dipper
B C
Risin' as a breeze blows through the window vent
D G
It's time well spent livin' in my campin' tent

I always thought a mansion
Would be a nice abode
But the fine print that I read it said
You can't take it on the road
So now whenever I want to leave
I go wherever I can live in peace
'Cuz whoever wants to live in a campin' tent
Never has to sign a lease

Bridge:
Am F D7
It might have a rather low ceiling,
G E7
But it keeps me humble cause I'm always kneeling
Am C
And if it rains – I can trust my roof
D D7
'Cuz this wigwam is water proof (I love my campin' ...)

I used to have toys and trinkets
And knickknacks laying around
And while those things are nice to have

They end up weighing you down
So I left all my belongings
'Cuz they made me discontent
And the only thing I brought with me
Was this little old campin' tent

My campin' tent
It's my transportable affordable apartment
It's foldable, holdable, easily moldable
Tote-able, boat-able, probably even float-able
Dependable, mendable, the poles are pretty bendable
Enjoyable, deployable, but doesn't have a toilet bowl,

Big old campin' tent

Memphis Town

(Capo 3)

C F C

Train a come a whistlin' hoo-hoo

C G C

Who's a gonna ride me to Memphis Town

I'm a gonna ride on you-hoo

You're a gonna take me all around

F C

Chug-a-chug chuggin'

F C

The coal that we're luggin'

F C

The train wheel's are huggin'

G C

That railroad track

To my gal Dinah

There's no way finer

So take me to China

Then bring me back

Bridge:

Am F Em C

I had a nickel I wanted to spend me

F C G C

On a record of gold or platinum

Am F Em C

Instead I just bought 5 shiny pennies

F C G C

To put down on the track and flatten 'em

I'm just a singin'

My banjo's a ringin'

Most outta tune thing in

This one-man band

The wind is the engineer

I am the pioneer

Life is the souvenir

For travelin' the land

Along For the Ride

(Capo 3)

Peter Pan could never understand (C F C)
Why Wendy Darling wanted more than Neverland (Am G G7)
A lost boy always makes it on his own (C F C)
So he never grew up and he ended up alone (Am G G7)
But I would rather have you sittin' here next to me (F G C Am)
Telling bedtime stories and singing harmony (D7 - G G7)

Because that river is deep and that river is wide (C Am F G)
And I'm a gonna need you child to be my guide (C Am F G)
And if we're gonna make it – to the other side (F C F C)
It's gonna take more than just coming along for ride (E7 F G C)

When Odysseus sailed to sea
He left behind Penelope
She waited years, patiently
For him to come back from his Odyssey
But I would rather have you sittin' here next to me
Lookin' at the map and tellin' us where we oughta' be

Tom Sawyer loved Becky Thatcher
And he spent his days tryin' catch her
But when Huck Finn came on the scene
Tom left Becky waiting up stream
But I would rather have you sittin' here next to me
Makin' hollyhock dolls under a cherry tree

Ending: F Fm C

Muddy River

Ab Db Ab
Three miles to go till we're back on the Muddy River
Ab Eb
My fishin' stick and string is what I'm gonna give her
Ab Db Ab
With a crawler on the end, walkin' barefoot with my friend
Ab Eb Db Ab
Goin' back on the Muddy River with them fishin' blues again

Two miles to go till we're back on the Muddy River
That ice better be gone or my toes'll start to shiver
Them fish'll wanna bite so we'll cook 'em and eat all right
Goin' back on the Muddy River with them fishin' blues tonight

One mile to go till we're back on the Muddy River
Better make a big catch so we'll get to deliver
A dozen fish a tin to our neighbors, friends, and kin
Goin' back on the Muddy River with them fishin' blues again

We made it three long miles and now we're sittin' on our canoes
Catchin' lots fish but we still got them fishin' blues
'Cuz even if we catch a big old whale from this here river bed
We'll always think there's a bigger fish three miles up ahead

Db Ab
That's why we're singing the blues on a river bed
Eb Db Ab
We got the fishin' blues, 'cuz we can't stop lookin' ahead

The Boatman's Dance

(Capo 2)

G Em
Dance, boatman dance! Dance I say

G D G
Dance, boatman dance, dance all night till the break of day

C G C G C G D G
The boatman dance, the boatman sing, the boatman do most anything.
And when the boatman get to shore, He rows his boat out on the dancing floor

D G D
Hi ho the boatman row, floatin' down the river on the Ohio!

C G D G
Hi ho, the boat man row, up an down the river on the Ohio!

Grab your partner by the hand, grab em now I say
Grab em by their itty bitty hand, ya gonna swing 'em all the night into the break of day

Swing your partner round and round, swing em round I say
Swing that gal up and down and and then you're gonna bow to your corner as you swing out the
whats-it and you steppin' on the whozit and ya toodle down the stairs and you're on the ground
wondering what in the heck does a boatman do anywhoose...

King Kong Kitchie Kitchie Ki-Me-O

Let's meet up where the crick begins (G D Am C)
King kong kitchie kitchie ki-me-o (G F# D D7)
We'll float sticks n see which one wins (G D Am C)
King kong kitchie kitchie ki-me-o (G D D7 G)

Ki mo kee mo ki mo kee (G F# Em)
Were floatin' down stream in a hollow tree (Am D)
With an owl and a bat and bumble bee (G F# Em)
King kong kitchie kitchie ki-me-o (Am C D G)

Low bridge everybody down (G D Am C)
King kong kitchie kitchie ki-me-o (G F# D D7)
Trucks passin' over from town to town (G D Am C)
King kong kitchie kitchie ki-me-o (G D D7 G)

We're sittin' in the same boat brother (G D Am C)
King kong kitchie kitchie ki-me-o (G F# D D7)
If ya shake one end, you'll rock the other (G D Am C)
King kong kitchie kitchie ki-me-o (G D D7 G)

Thousand Star Hotel

F Bb
I'm sleepin' in a thousand star hotel
F
I'm sleepin' in a thousand star hotel
Bb
A gold leaf pillow for my head
Eb
Feel like a king on a king-sized river bed
F Bb
I'm sleepin' in a thousand star hotel

Brother

A

Brother, Brother

D

We've known one another

A E

Since I can recall

A

We've had smooth sailin' days

D

And storms with waves

A E A

Times we fly, times we fall

D

A

'Cuz under the surface the water runs deep

E A

And the current is strong

D

A

It can bring us down, it can make us drown

E

A

Or we can just let it roll us along

D

A

E

A

Let it roll, Let it roll c'mon brother, let's let it roll (2x)

Brother, Brother

We know one another

Like a captain knows his boat

We've seen blue skies together

And cloudy weather

Times we sink, times we float

'Cause under the surface the water runs deep

And the current is strong

We can run out of steam by paddling up stream

Or we can just let it roll us along

Small and Simple

E C#m A B
It's a small and simple song
It's so soft and sweet
It's a slow and soothing song
So I can sing you to sleep

Roll on River

G
Well a river lives one long life
C G
From the raindrops to the sea

And I am somewhere in the middle
D G
I'm just keeping good company

As a baby you were tiny
You were curious and free
As you grew up you grew stronger
You grew beautiful and serene

G
Roll on river to the ocean
C G
Roll on round that river bend

Em
Roll on river to the ocean
G D G
Where we soon will meet again

Am G
Oh that river keeps on rollin'
C G
Made of water, soil, and sand
Am G
Splits this nation into two sides
D G
As it unifies one great land

When I come to my final ocean
I know this thought will keep me warm
All the water in this whole world
Never dies it just changes form

Ending- G D C - - G