

Louisiana Man

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C C C G⁷ C
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C
At birth mom and papa called the little boy Ned
C G⁷ C
They raised him on the banks of the river-bed
C
A houseboat tied to a big tall tree
C G⁷ C
A home for my papa and my mama and me

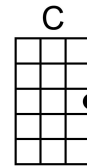
C
The clock strikes three, papa jumps to his feet
C G⁷ C
Already mama's cooking papa something to eat
C
At half past, papa he's ready to go
C G⁷ C
He hops in the pirogue headed down the bay-ou

F
They got fishing lines strung across the Louisiana River
F C F
Gonna catch a big fish for us to eat
F
Setting traps in the swamp catching anything he can
F C F
Gotta make a living he's a Louisiana man
F C F G⁷
Gotta make a living he's a Louisiana man
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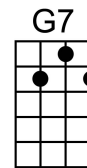
C
Muskrat hides a hanging by the dozen
C G⁷ C
Even got a lady make a muskrat's cousin
C
Got 'em out drying in the hot, hot, sun
C G⁷ C
Tomorrow papa's gonna turn them into mon

C G⁷ C
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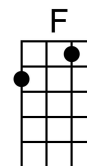
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 They call my mama Rita and my daddy Jack
C **G⁷** **C**
 A little baby brother on the floor, that's Mac
C
 Rynn and Lynn are the family twins
C **G⁷** **C**
 Big brother Ed's on the bayou fishing



C
 On the river, floats - papa's great big boat
C **G⁷** **C**
 That's how my papa goes in-to town
C
 Takes every bit of a night and a day
C **G⁷** **C**
 To even make a place where the people stay



F
 I can hardly wait until tomorrow comes around
F **C** **F**
 That's the day my papa takes his furs to town
F
 Papa promised me that I could go
F **C** **F** **G⁷**
 Even gonna see a cowboy show
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C
 I see the cowboys and Indians for the first time then
C **G⁷** **C**
 Told my papa gotta go a-gain
C
 Papa said, "Son we got the lines to run.
C **G⁷** **C**
 We'll come back again, first there's work to be done."

F
 He's got fishing lines strung across the Louisiana River
F **C** **F**
 Gotta catch a big fish for us to eat
F
 Setting traps in the swamp catching anything he can
F **C** **F**
 Gotta make a living he's a Louisiana man
F **C** **F** **F** **C** **F**
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