

# "Skippin' in the Mississippi Dew"

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D: FIDDLE INTRO...

G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

T i T m T i T m T i T m T i T m T i m T m i T m

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i T m i m i m m T T T T i m T m i T m i T i T m i T

A(7)

D

D: VERSE 1...

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Well, I dream of a girl and a steering-wheel steam boat, a

(D7{A7})

G (D)

G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

i m T m T m T i m T i

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(D) (D) H

pi - lot house stove and en-gine room brass... Hang-in' on a post by the main deck stair\_\_ - way...

(G{D}) (G{D})

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(D) A(7) D D: CHORUS... H

Long hair skip-pin' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew... Oh, the ri - ver run wide, run

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D) G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

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(D) (D) H

deep, run mud-dy... The ri - ver run long af-ter I am gone...With the steam boat wheel-ing on a

(G{D}) (G{D})

25

(D) A(7) (D)

H 3 5 4 5 0 | H 6 7 0 0 0 || 2 0 4 3 2 0 || 4 0 2 2

big, wide bend... Skip - in' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew... Well, I

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D)

9 9 9 9 || 2 12 0 0 || 4 0 0 0

8 8 8 8 || 4 10 4 3 5 0 0 0

T m T i m T i

D: VERSE 1...

29

(D)

H 6 7 0 0 0 | 2 2 0 0 0 0 | H 6 7 0 0 0 4

dream of a girl and a steering-wheel steam boat, a pi - lot house stove and

G (D): BANJO SOLO... (G{D})

Sl 0 0 Sl 0 0 Po 0 0 Sl 0 2 0 0 Po 0

2 3 2 3 2 3 3 2 2 3 2 3 3 2

T i T m T i T m T i T m T i T m T i m T m i T m

32

(D)

5 5 0 0 | 4 5 5 5 5 0 0 | H 0 2 2 0 4 0

en-gine room brass... Hang-ing on a post by the main deck stair\_\_ - way...

(G{D})

0 0 5 0 H 2 3 0 | 2 Sl 5 3 2 0 0 0 Po 0

0 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 0

i T m i m i m i T T T T i m T m i T m

35

(D) A(7) D D: CHORUS... H

6 7 0 0 0 0 || 2 0 4 3 2 0 || 4 0 0 0 || 4 5 5 5 4 5 4 5

Long hair skip-pin' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew... Oh, the ri - ver run wide, run

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D) G (D): Banjo Back-Up... SI

0 0 0 0 0 2 || 2 0 0 2 || 4 3 5 0 0 0 || 2 5 0 0

i T i T m i T i m T m T m T i m T i Pnch T T i m T

39

(D) H

4 5 5 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 4 5 0 0 0 0

deep, run mud-dy... The ri - ver run long af-ter I am gone... With the

(G{D}) H H H H H

7 8 0 7 8 0 0 2 3 0 2 3 0 0 0 5 0 5 0 2 3 0

i m i m T i m T i m i m T i m T i T m i m i m

42

(D) (D) A(7) H

4 5 5 5 5 5 3 5 4 5 0 6 7 0 0 0 || 2 0 4 3 2 0 ||

steam boat wheel-ing on a big, wide bend... Skip - in' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee

(G{D}) (G{D}) (D7{A7}) SI PoPo

2 5 0 3 2 0

m T T T T i m T m i T m i T i T m i T i m T m

(D) D: MANDOLIN SOLO...

46

dew...

G (D) G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

T m T i m T i T i T m T i T m T i T m T i T m

(D) (D)

49

(G{D}) (G{D})

T i m T m i T m i T m i m i m m T T T T i m T m i T m

(D) A(7) D D: VERSE 2...

53

Well, I went up the ri - ver come uh -

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D) G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

i T i T m i T i m T m T m T i m T i

57

(D)

(D)

way last Sun - day, twelve feet of wa - ter on the Mem - phis gage... Would-n't be home with-out the

61

(D)

A(7)

D

mud-dy wa - ters roll - \_\_\_ in' \_\_\_... Pad-dle wheel skip-pin' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew... Oh, the

D: CHORUS...

(D)

65

ri - ver run wide, run deep, run mud-dy... The ri - ver run long af-ter I am gone...With the

G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

69

(D) (D) A(7)

H H PoPo

4 5 5 5 5 5 3 5 4 5 0 6 7 0 0 0 2 0 4 3 2 0

steam boat wheel-ing on a big, wide bend... Skip - in' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee

(G{D}) (G{D}) (D7{A7})

9 9 9 9 9 9 2 12

8 8 8 8 8 8 4 10

73

(D) D: VERSE 1...

H

4 0 2 2 6 7 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 0 2 2

dew... Well, I dream of a girl and a steering-wheel steam boat, a

G (D) G (D): BANJO SOLO...

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Sl Sl Sl Po

3 → 5 2 → 3 2 → 3 2 → 3 3 2 0

T m T i m T i T i T m T i T m T i T m T i T m

76

(D) (D)

H

6 7 0 0 0 4 5 5 0 0 4 5 5 5 5 0 0

pi - lot house stove and en-gine room brass... Hang-ing on a post by the

(G{D}) (G{D})

Sl Po H Sl

2 → 3 3 2 0 0 5 0 2 3 0 2 → 5

T i m T m i T m i T m i m i m i m i T T T

79

(D) A(7) D

H

0 2 2 0 4 0 | 6 7 0 0 0 0 || 2 0 4 3 2 0 || 4 0 0 0

main deck stair\_\_ - way... Long hair skip-pin' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew... Oh, the

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D)

3 2 0 0 Po 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

3 2 7 5 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

T i m T m i T m i T i T m i T i m T m T m T i m T i

D: CHORUS...

83

(D)

H

4 5 5 5 4 5 4 5 | 4 5 5 0 0 4 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 4

ri - ver run wide, run deep, run mud-dy... The ri - ver run long af-ter

G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

(G{D})

2 Sl 5 0 0 0 0 7 8 0 7 8 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 0

Pnch T T i m T i m i m T i m T i m i m T i m T

86

(D)

H

5 0 0 0 0 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 3 5 4 5 0

I am gone... With the steam boat wheel-ing on a big, wide bend...

(G{D})

0 0 5 0 2 3 0 2 Sl 5 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 0 3 2 0

i T m i m i m i T T T T i m T m i T m



89

(D) A(7) (D) D: MANDOLIN SOLO...

H 0 0 0 || 2 0 Po Po || 4 0 || 5 5 5 5 5 5

6 7 0 0 0 || 4 4 3 2 0 || 4 0 || 0 0 0 0 0 0

Skip - in' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew...

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D) G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

11 9 11 9 0 || 2 0 0 0 || 4 0 0 0 || 9 9

0 0 0 0 0 || 4 2 0 0 || 4 3 5 0 0 0 || 8 8

i m T i m T i m i m T m T m T i m T i

93

(D) (D)

1 1 B B 0 0 B B 5 5 B B 2 2 3 5 5 B 10 10 10 10 5 5

0 0

B B

(G{D}) (G{D})

9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8

97

(D) A(7) D

H Po Po H Po 2 0 2 0 5 0 2 0 5 0 5 5 5 5 5

0 0

R R R R B 0 R

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D)

9 9 9 9 12 9 9

8 8 8 8 10 8 8

2 4 4 4 4 4 2 2

Now, it

D: VERSE 3...

(D)

101

used to be spring, I'd ship it on the ri - ver, Thir - ty - five days on a bal - la line boat... I'd

G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

(G{D})

(D)

(D)

A(7)

105

make a lit - tle mo-ney, get a spring - time chi-cken and\_ take off in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee

(G{D})

(G{D})

(D7{A7})

D

D: CHORUS...

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dew... Oh, the ri - ver run wide, run deep, run mud-dy... The

G (D)

G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

T m T i m T i

112

(D) (D)

H

0 0 0 0 0 4 5 0 0 0 0 4 5 5 5 5 5 3 5 4 5 0

ri - ver run long af-ter I am gone...With the steam boat wheel-ing on a big, wide bend...

(G{D}) (G{D})

9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8

116

(D) A(7) (D) D: CHORUS (Last Time)...

H H PoPo H

6-7 0 6-7 0 2 0 4 3-2-0 4 0 0 0 4 5 5 5 4 5 4 5

Skip - in' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew... Oh, the ri - ver run wide, run

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D) G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

9 9 12 0 0 9 9

8 8 10 4 4 8 8

4 4 3 → 5 0 0 0

T m T i m T i

120

(D) (D)

H

4 5 5 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 4 5 0 0 0 0 4 5 5 5 5 5

deep, run mud-dy... The ri - ver run long af-ter I am gone...With the steam boat wheel-ing on a

(G{D}) (G{D})

9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8

124

(D) A(7) (D)

H 3 5 4 5 0 | H 6 7 0 0 0 | 2 0 Po Po | 4 4 0

big, wide bend... Skip - in' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew...

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D)

9 9 9 9 | 2 12 0 0 | 4 4 3 5 0 0 0

T m T i m T i

D: OUTRO...

128

(D)

H 6 7 0 0 0 | 2 2 0 0 0 0 | 2 2 H 6 7 0 0 0 4

dream of a girl and a steering-wheel steam boat, a pi - lot house stove and

G (D): BANJO SOLO... (G{D})

Sl 0 0 Sl 0 0 | Sl 0 0 Po 0 0 | Sl 0 2 0 0 Po 0

2 → 3 2 → 3 2 → 3 3 2 2 → 3 3 2

T i T m T i T m T i T m T i T m T m i T m

(D)

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5 5 0 0 | 4 5 5 5 5 0 0 | H 0 2 2 0 4 0

en-gine room brass... Hang-ing on a post by the main deck stair\_\_ - way...

(G{D})

0 0 5 0 H 2 3 0 | 2 Sl 5 3 2 0 0 0 Po 0

0 5 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 3 2 0

i T m i m i m i T T T T i m T m i T m

134

(D) A(7) D D: CHORUS... H

6 7 0 0 0 0 | 2 0 PoPo | 4 0 0 0 | 4 5 5 5 4 5 4 5

Long hair skip-pin' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee dew... Oh, the ri - ver run wide, run

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D) G (D): Banjo Back-Up... SI

0 0 0 0 0 2 | 2 0 0 0 | 4 0 0 0 | 2 5 0 0

i T i T m i T i m T m T m T i m T i Pnch T T i m T

138

(D) H

4 5 5 0 0 4 | 0 0 0 0 0 4 | 5 0 0 0 0 0

deep, run mud-dy... The ri - ver run long af-ter I am gone... With the

(G{D}) H H H H H

7 8 0 0 0 0 | 2 3 0 2 3 0 0 0 | 0 0 5 0 0 2 3 0

i m i m T i m T i m i m T i m T i T m i m i m

141

(D) (D) A(7) H PoPo

4 5 5 5 5 5 | 3 5 4 5 0 | 6 7 0 0 0 | 2 0 4 3 2 0

steam boat wheel-ing on a big, wide bend... Skip - in' in the Miss-iss-ipp-ee

(G{D}) (G{D}) (D7{A7}) SI

2 5 0 0 0 0 | 3 2 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 5 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 2 0

m T T T T i m T m i T m i T i T m i T i m T m

145 (D) D: MANDOLIN SOLO...

dew...

G (D) G (D): Banjo Back-Up...

T m T i m T i T i T m T i T m T i T m T i T m

(D) (D)

T i m T m i T m i T m i m i m m i T T T T i m T m i T m

(G{D}) (G{D})

T i m T m i T m i T m i m i m m i T T T T i m T m i T m

(D) Po H Po A(7) D (End)...

i T i T m i T i m T m T m T m i

(G{D}) (D7{A7}) G (D) (End)...

i T i T m i T i m T m T m T m i

VERSE 1...

Well I dream of a girl and a steering wheel steamboat  
A pilothouse stove and engine room brass  
Hanging on a post by the maindeck stairway  
Long hair skippin in the Mississippi dew

CHORUS...

Oh the river run wide, run deep, run muddy  
The river run long after I am gone  
With the steamboat wheeling on a big wide bend  
Just skippin in the Mississippi Dew

VERSE 2...

Well I went up the river come way last Sunday  
Twelve feet of water on the Memphis gage  
Wouldn't be home without the muddy water rolling  
Paddle wheel skippin in the Mississippi dew

CHORUS...

Oh the river run wide, run deep, run muddy  
Oh the river run long after I am gone  
With the steamboat wheelin on a big wide bend  
Just skippin in the Mississippi Dew

VERSE 3...

Now it used to be Spring I'd ship on the river  
Thirty five days on a balla [sic] line boat  
I'd make a little money, get a springtime chicken  
And take off a skippin in the Mississippi Dew

CHORUS...

Oh the river run wide, run deep, run muddy  
Oh the river run long after I am gone  
With the steam boat wheelin round a big wide bend  
Just skippin in the Mississippi dew

(Again)...

Oh the river run wide, run deep, run muddy  
Oh the river run long after I am gone  
With the steamboat wheelin round a big wide bend  
Just skippin in the Mississippi dew

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