Messing about on the River - Tony Hatch, Les Reed

C// |/// |/// |///   (3 BEATS TO BAR)
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 [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
To [F] messing a- [G7] -bout on the [C] river
To [F] messing a- [G7] -bout on the [C] river [G7/C]