Messing About On The River
(Josh MacRae)

Time Signature: 3/4 (Waltz time)

Intro:  D  (×4)

1. When the weather is fine, then you know it's a sign,
   G                A                 D
   For messing about on the river
   D                                    A
   If you take my advice, there's nothing so nice,
   G                A                 D
   As messing about on the river,
   G                        D                           A                 D
   There are long boats and short boats, and all sorts of craft,
   G                    D                         E7                                       A            A
   Cruisers and keel boats, and some with some with no draught,
   D                                    A
   So take off your coat, and hop in a boat,
   G                A                 D  (×4)
   Go messing about on the river.

2. There are boats made from kits, that reach you in bits,
   G                A                 D
   For messing about on the river,
   D                                    A
   Or you might like to scull in a glass-fibre hull,
   G                A                 D
   Just messing about on the river,
   G                        D                           A                 D
   There are tillers and rudders and anchors and cleats,
   G                      D                      E7               A            A
   And ropes that are sometimes referred to as sheets,
   D                                          A
   With the wind in your face, there's no finer place,
   G                A                 D  (×4)
   Than messing about on the river.

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3. There are skippers and mates, and rowing club eights,
   G       A       D
   Just messing about on the river,
   D       A
   There are pontoons and trots, and all sorts of knots,
   G       A       D
   For messing about on the river,
   G       D       A       D
   With inboards and outboards, and dingies you sail,
   G       D       E7       A       A
   The first thing you learn is the right way to bail,
   D       A
   In a one seat canoe, you're the skipper and crew,
   G       A       D
   Just messing about on the river.

4. There are bridges and locks, and moorings and docks,
   G       A       D
   When messing about on the river,
   D       A
   There's a whirlpool and weir that you mustn't go near,
   G       A       D
   When messing about on the river,
   G       D       A       D
   There are backwater places, all hidden from view,
   G       D       E7       A       A
   And quaint little islands just waiting for you,
   D       A
   So I'll leave you right now, to cast off your bow,
   G       A       D
   Go messing about on the river,
   G       A       D
   Go messing about on the river.

<--------------- Slow Down ---------------->