Messing About On The River
(Josh MacRae)

Time Signature: 3/4 (Waltz time)

Intro: **D (×4)**

D (chord diagram)

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              D                        A
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.
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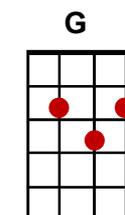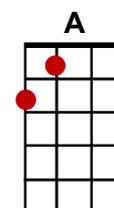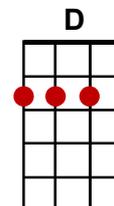
A (chord diagram)

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              D                        A
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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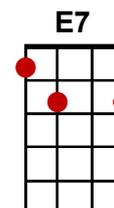
E7 (chord diagram)

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3.
        D   A
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,

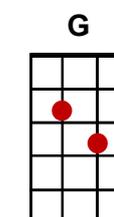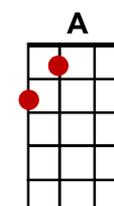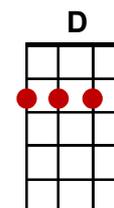   G   A   D
For messing about on the river,

      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 (×4)
Just messing about on the river.

4.
        D   A
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 ----------------->