

Words and
Music by
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1. Long time ago when roads were tracks,
some men thought it would be
A grand idea to join the town of Stroud to the sea.
And so at last a canal was forged
from Stroud to Framilode
And boats came sailing up the cut,
instead of carts on roads *(pause)*

G G C
CHORUS: You can take a stroll along the path,
Or ride a bike with a bell (PLINK PLINK)
Have a cruise on a tripping boat, A dinghy you might sail
Cast a line and catch some fish, Paddle your canoe
When the canal is full of water There's so much you can do.

LINK: F / / / C / A7 / Dm / G7 / C

2. But that was not enough you see,
for the business men of Stroud
And so a further plan was made,
of which they were so proud.

C F C
Another cut was then dug out, up the hill and down.
F C / A
To join the Thames, so boats could go
/ Dm / G7 / C
right down to London town (*pause*).....CHORUS

C
3. For many years the canal was used
F C
to transport goods around.
F C
Coal and timber, silk and wool
D7 G7
were carried safe and sound.
C C7
But first the railways, then the roads,
F C
took all the trade away
F C A7 Dm G7 C
Till at last the canal was shut and fell into decay (*pause*).CHORUS

C
4. But after years of being closed,
F C
filled in and covered o'er
F C D7 G7
Some visionaries had a plan to open it once more.
C
So mile by mile and lock by lock,
F C
once more these are our aims
F C A7 Dm G7 C
To build a waterway to link the Severn to the Thames

CHORUS: then REPEAT LAST THREE LINES