

Messing About on the River

Josh Macrae

Intro = C

Verse 1

C G
When the weather is fine you know it's the time

F G C
For messing about on the river

G
If you take my advice there's nothing so nice

F G C
As messing about on the river

F C G C
There's big boats and wee boats and all kinds of craft

F C D7 G
Puffers and keel boats and some with no raft

C G
With the wind in your face there's no finer place

F G C
Than messing about on the river

Verse 2

C G
There are boats made from kits that'll reach you in bits

F G C
For messing about on the river

G
And you might want to skull in a glass fibred hull

F G C
Go messing about on the river

F C G C
Anchors and tillers and rudders and cleats

F C D7 G
Ropes that are sometimes referred to as sheets

C G
With the wind in your face there's no finer place

F G C

Capo on 5th fret
for correct key of
F

Than messing about on the river

Verse 3

C G
Skippers and mates and rowing club eights

F G C
All messing about on the river

 G
Capstans and quays where you tie up with ease

F G C
All messing about on the river

F C G C
Outboards and inboards and dinghies you sail

F C D7 G
The first thing you learn is the right way to bale

C G
In a one man canoe you're both skipper and crew

F G C
Messing about on the river

Verse 4

C G
Moorings and docks, tailors and locks

F C
All messing about on the river

 G
Whirlpools and weirs that you must not go near

F G C
Messing about on the river

F C G C
Backwater places all hidden from view

F C D7 G
Mysterious wee islands just waiting for you

C G
So I'll leave you right now, go cast off your bow

F G C
 /tab

Go messing about on the river