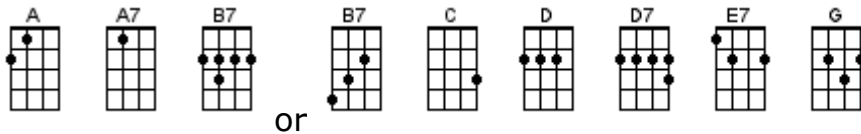


When I First Stepped in a Canoe

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INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [G] / [G]

When I **[G]** first stepped in a canoe
I **[C]** made a fatal mis-**[G]**take
I **[C]** planted my heel to one **[G]** side of the keel
And **[A7]** pitched head-first in the **[D]** lake
I **[G]** had no reason to think
It would **[C]** tip before you could **[G]** blink
Or **[C]** take all your talents for **[G]** keeping your balance
Or **[A7]** else you'd land in the **[D]** drink
Which is **[G]** what I proceeded to do
When I **[C]** first stepped **[D]** in a ca-**[G]**noe

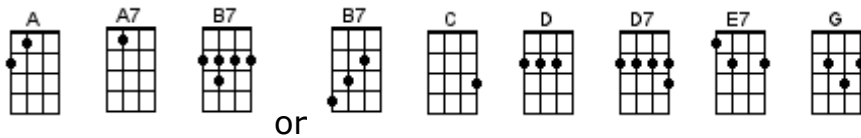
[C] / [G] / [D7] / [G] / [G]

When I **[G]** first soloed in a canoe
It **[C]** took me a while to **[G]** learn
That you **[C]** sit in the bow
Though I **[G]** didn't know how
You could **[A7]** tell the damn thing from the **[D]** stern
I **[G]** paddled the rest of the day
In **[C]** circles and growing dis-**[G]**may
I **[C]** hadn't a clue that to **[G]** steer the thing true
Your **[A7]** stroke had to end with a **[D]**↓ 'J'
[D]↓ Which **[G]** no-one had taught me to do
When I **[C]** first soloed **[D]** in a ca-**[G]**noe

[C] / [G] / [D7] / [G] / [G]

When I **[G]** first kneel in a canoe
I **[C]** paddle with languorous **[G]** grace
But it's **[C]** all a mirage when you **[G]** have to portage
With **[A7]** blackflies all over your **[D]** face
As I **[G]** stagger off into the trees
At **[C]** least I'm off of my **[G]** knees
Which I **[C]** haven't quite felt since the **[G]** minute I knelt
And the **[A7]** ribs turned the caps into **[D]** cheese
Which is **[G]** what they instantly do
When I **[C]** first kneel **[D]** in a ca-**[G]**↓noe < KEY CHANGE > **[E7]** ↓ NOW...

The **[A]** best thing about a canoe
 May **[D]** be just what it is **[A]** not
 Like **[D]** loud and aggressive
 And **[A]** big and excessive like a **[B7]** ski boat
 Or a millionaire's **[E7]** yacht
 It's at **[A]** home on stream, lake, or chute
 It **[D]** won't harm a beaver or **[A]** coot
 It **[D]** may take some labour but **[A]** like a good neighbour
 It **[B7]** won't make noise or pol-**[E7]**lute
 So if **[A]** asked if you want a Sea-Doo
 Say **[D]**↓ "Thanks, but I'd **[E7]**↓ rather can-**[A]**oe"
 Now I **[D]**↓ have to skedaddle
 God, I **[A]**↓ wish these had a saddle
 And **[E7]** paddle off in my can-**[A]**↓oe **[A]**↓



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