**Being A Pirate (Don Freed, 1985; alt. Tom Lewis, 2003) (C)**

[**Being A Pirate**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJZVCcUE9vQ) **by Fisherman’s Friends**

**Intro C C C F F F C**

C G

Being a pirate is all fun and games, ‘til somebody loses an ear.

**G**

It drips down your neck then it falls on the deck,

**C**

‘til someone shouts out: "Oy, what's this 'ere?"

You can't wear your glasses, you can’t ‘pull’ the lasses,

**C7 F**

and folks have to shout so you'll hear.

**C G C**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, ‘til somebody loses an ear.

**Chorus**

**F C**

It’s all part of being a pirate. (*A pirate! A pirate!*)

**G C F C**

You can't be a pirate, with all of your p-a-r-ts;

**F C**

It’s all part of being a pirate. (*A pirate! A pirate!*)

**G C F C**

You can't be a pirate, with all of your p-a-r-ts.

**C G**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, 'til somebody loses an eye.

**G C**

It stings like the blazes, it makes you make faces, you can't let your mates see you cry.

**C7 F**

A dashing black patch will cover the hatch, and make sure your socket stays dry.

**C G C**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, ‘til somebody loses an eye. **Chorus**

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***Being A Pirate (C) – Page 2***

**C G**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, 'til somebody loses a hand.

**G C**

It spurts and it squirts and it jolly well hurts, pain only a pirate can stand.

**C7 F**

The fashionable look is a nice metal hook, but then you can't play in the band.

**C G C**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, ‘til somebody loses a hand. **Chorus**

**C G**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, 'til somebody loses a leg.

**G C**

It hurts like the dickens, your pace never quickens, hopping around on a peg.

Ask your sweetheart to marry, but too long you've tarried,

**C7 F**

‘cos now you can't kneel down and beg.

**C G C**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, ‘til somebody loses a leg. **Chorus**

**C G**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, 'til somebody loses a ‘wotsit.’

**G C**

Though you didn't choose it, you don't want to lose it, you're hoping that somebody spots it.

**C7 F**

Then the ‘Doc’ comes along and he sews it back on, or he ties it up tight – then he knots it!

**C G C**

Being a pirate is all fun and games, 'til somebody loses a ‘wotsit.’

**Outro**

**F C G C F C**

But it’s all part of being a pirate! You can't be a pirate, with all of your p-a-r-ts;

**F C G C F C**

It’s all part of being a pirate! You can't be a pirate, with all of your p-a-r-ts.

**F C G C F C | F C| F G | C**

It’s all part of being a pirate! You can't be a pirate, with all of your p-a-r-ts.

**Lewis’ original ending:**

**F C G C F C**

It makes me quite i-rate - You can't be a pirate - With all of your parts!

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and folks have to shout so you'll hear.

**G D G**

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**Chorus**

**C G**

It’s all part of being a pirate. (*A pirate! A pirate!*)

**D G C G**

You can't be a pirate, with all of your p-a-r-ts;

**C G**

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**G D G**

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**G D**

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**D G**

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**G**

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**G7 C**

‘cos now you can't kneel down and beg.

**G D G**

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**G D**

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**G D G**

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**Outro**

**C G D G C G**

But it’s all part of being a pirate! You can't be a pirate, with all of your p-a-r-ts;

**C G D G C G**

It’s all part of being a pirate! You can't be a pirate, with all of your p-a-r-ts.

**C G D G C G | C G | C D | G**

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