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2/2 Time

## Intro

Em7 | A | Em7 | A | Em7 | A | Em7 |

A Em7 A Em7 A  
\_\_ Well, I built me a raft and she's ready for floatin';

Em7 A Em7 A  
\_\_ Ol' Missis-sippi, she's callin' my name.

Em7 A Em7 A  
Catfish are jumpin', that paddle wheel thumpin',  
Em7 A Em7 A  
Black water keeps rollin' on past just the same.

## Chorus

D

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

F

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

D

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

F

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

D

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

F

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

E . . Bm7

E Bm7

Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,

E Bm7

E

Bm7

Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.

A Em7 A Em7 E . . Bm7 |

*And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.*

## Solo Violin

| E | E | Em7 | A | Em7 | A | Em7 |

**A** **Em7** **A** **Em7**  
\_\_\_ Well, if it rains, I don't care, don't make no difference to me,  
**A** **Em7** **A** **Em7**  
\_\_\_ Just take that street car that's goin' up town.  
**A** **Em7** **A** **Em7** **A**  
\_\_\_ Yeah, I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland and dance a honky- tonk,  
**Em7** **A** **Em7** | **A**  
And I'll be buyin' ev'rybody drinks \_all\_ 'round.

**Chorus**

**D**  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**F** **D**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**F** **D**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**F** **E . . Bm7**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
**E** **Bm7**  
Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,  
**E** **Bm7** **E** **Bm7**  
Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.  
**A** **Em7** **A** **Em7** **E . . Bm7** |  
*And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.*

**Solo Violin (2x)**

| **E** | **E** | **Em7** | **A** | **Em7** | **A** | **Em7** |

**Bridge (6x or until you run out of steam)**

**A** **Em7** **A** **Em7** **A**  
\_\_\_ I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland, pretty mama come and take me by the hand.  
**Em7** **A**  
By the hand, take me by the hand, pretty mama,  
(I want to Honky-tonk, honky-tonk.)  
**Em7** **A**  
Come and dance with your daddy all night long.  
( Honky-tonk, with you all night long.)

**Outro**

**Em7** **A**  
Whaa whoah.

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2/2 Time

## Intro

Gm7 | C | Gm7 | C | Gm7 | C | Gm7 |

C Gm7 C Gm7 C  
\_\_ Well, I built me a raft and she's ready for floatin';

Gm7 C Gm7 C  
\_\_ Ol' Missis-sippi, she's callin' my name.

Gm7 C Gm7 C  
Catfish are jumpin', that paddle wheel thumpin',  
Gm7 C Gm7 C  
Black water keeps rollin' on past just the same.

## Chorus

F  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

G# F  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

G# F  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

G# G . . Dm7  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

G Dm7  
Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,

G Dm7 G Dm7  
Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.

C Gm7 C Gm7 G . . Dm7 |  
*And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.*

## Solo Violin

| G | G | Gm7 | C | Gm7 | C | Gm7 |



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2/2 Time

## Intro

Am7 | D | Am7 | D | Am7 | D | Am7 |

D Am7 D Am7 D  
\_\_ Well, I built me a raft and she's ready for floatin';

Am7 D Am7 D  
\_\_ Ol' Missis-sippi, she's callin' my name.

Am7 D Am7 D  
Catfish are jumpin', that paddle wheel thumpin',  
Am7 D Am7 D  
Black water keeps rollin' on past just the same.

## Chorus

G

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

Bb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

G

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

Bb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

G

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

Bb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

A . . Em7

A Em7  
Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,

A Em7 A Em7  
Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.

D Am7 D Am7 A . . Em7 |  
*And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.*

## Solo Violin

| A | A | Am7 | D | Am7 | D | Am7 |

*This song developed out of a riff created by Patrick Simmons. See:*

[How to Play "Black Water" on Guitar by The Doobie Brothers](#) | Rhythm Guitar Lesson Tutorial.

**D** **Am7** **D** **Am7**  
Well, if it rains, I don't care, don't make no difference to me,  
**D** **Am7** **D** **Am7**  
Just take that street car that's goin' up town.  
**D** **Am7** **D** **Am7** **D**  
Yeah, I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland and dance a honky- tonk,  
**Am7** **D** **Am7** | **D**  
And I'll be buyin' ev'rybody drinks \_all\_ 'round.

**Chorus**

**G**  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**Bb** **G**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**Bb** **G**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**Bb** **A . . Em7**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
**A** **Em7**  
Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,  
**A** **Em7** **A** **Em7**  
Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.  
**D** **Am7** **D** **Am7** **A . . Em7** |  
*And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.*

**Solo Violin (2x)**

| **A** | **A** | **Am7** | **D** | **Am7** | **D** | **Am7** |

**Bridge (6x or until you run out of steam)**

**D** **Am7** **D** **Am7** **D**  
I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland, pretty mama come and take me by the hand.  
**Am7** **D**  
By the hand, take me by the hand, pretty mama,  
(I want to Honky-tonk, honky-tonk.)  
**Am7** **D**  
Come and dance with your daddy all night long.  
( Honky-tonk, with you all night long.)

**Outro**

**Am7** **D**  
Whaa whoah.

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G Dm7 G Dm7 G  
\_\_\_ Well, I built me a raft and she's ready for floatin';

Dm7 G Dm7 G  
\_\_\_ Ol' Missis-sippi, she's callin' my name.

Dm7 G Dm7 G  
Catfish are jumpin', that paddle wheel thumpin',  
Dm7 G Dm7 G  
Black water keeps rollin' on past just the same.

## Chorus

C

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

Eb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

C

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

Eb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

C

*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*

Eb

Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?

D . . Am7

D Am7  
Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,

D Am7 D Am7  
Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.

G Dm7 G Dm7 D . . Am7 |  
*And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.*

## Solo Violin

| D | D | Dm7 | G | Dm7 | G | Dm7 |

**G** **Dm7** **G** **Dm7**  
Well, if it rains, I don't care, don't make no difference to me,  
**G** **Dm7** **G** **Dm7**  
Just take that street car that's goin' up town.  
**G** **Dm7** **G** **Dm7** **G**  
Yeah, I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland and dance a honky- tonk,  
**Dm7** **G** **Dm7** | **G**  
And I'll be buyin' ev'rybody drinks \_all\_ 'round.

**Chorus**

**C**  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**Eb** **C**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**Eb** **C**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
*Old black water, keep on rollin'.*  
**Eb** **D . . Am7**  
Mississippi moon, won't you keep on shinin' on me?  
**D** **Am7**  
Yeah, keep on shinin' your light,  
**D** **Am7** **D** **Am7**  
Gonna make every-thing, pretty mama, gonna make everything all right.  
**G** **Dm7** **G** **Dm7** **D . . Am7** |  
*And I ain't got no worries 'cause I ain't in no hurry at all.*

**Solo Violin (2x)**

| **D** | **D** | **Dm7** | **G** | **Dm7** | **G** | **Dm7** |

**Bridge (6x or until you run out of steam)**

**G** **Dm7** **G** **Dm7** **G**  
I'd like to hear some funky Dixieland, pretty mama come and take me by the hand.  
**Dm7** **G**  
By the hand, take me by the hand, pretty mama,  
(I want to Honky-tonk, honky-tonk.)  
**Dm7** **G**  
Come and dance with your daddy all night long.  
( Honky-tonk, with you all night long.)

**Outro**

**Dm7** **G**  
Whaa whoah.