

## Woody Guthrie "Talking Fishing Blues"

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I went down to the fishing hole  
And I set down with my fishing pole  
Somethin' grabb'd my hook and it got my bait  
And Jerked me out in the middle of the lake  
Huh, it was some jump boy  
I got sunk, kinda baptized on credit

Fishin' down on th' muddy bank  
Felt a pull an' give a big yank  
I drug out three old rubber boots  
A Ford radiator an' a Chevrolet coop  
(Nothin' but Junk so I handed it in for National Defence)

Settin' in a boat with a bucket of beer  
Hadn't caught nothin' but didn't much care  
I guess I was pretty well satisfied  
Had my little woman right by my side  
(Takin' it easy, just waitin'  
Worm been gone off-a that hook for a couple of hours)  
(I was busy)

When you go fishin', tell y' what to do  
Go set down by the grassy dew  
Take a piece of string, tie it on yo' pole  
Throw it way out in th' middle of th' hole  
Find you a good shady tree and then just set down  
(Go to sleep, forget all about it, can't catch nothin' here  
anyways)

Well, I walked out to a sandy bar  
And I caught myself a big alligator gar  
Drug him home across my back  
Tail was dragging a mile and a half  
Flippin' an' floppin', I sold him for a quarter  
(Shot craps, got in Jall)

Jumped in the river and went down deep  
There was a hundred pound cat-fish lying there asleep  
Well, I jumped on his back and rode him all aroun'  
Saddled him up and I came into town  
People came runnin', lookin', dogs a-barkin'  
(Kids a-squallin')

Early one mornin' I took me a notion  
To go out fishin' in the middle of the ocean  
Well, throwed me a line, I got me a shark  
I didn't get him home till way past dark  
(Was he a man-eater, tough customer)  
(But he wasn't quite tough enough)

Late last night I had me a dream  
I was out fishin' in a whiskey stream  
Baited my hook with apple-jack  
Threw out a drink, drug a gallon back  
(Done pretty good till the creek run dry)  
(I give the fish back to the finance company)

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