

## Jerry Reed

# "The Ballad Of Gator Mcklusky"

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He was raised in the swamp  
in the back of a slough  
He grew up eatin' rattlesnake meat  
and drinkin' homemade brew  
Now folks here about call him Gator  
and everybody knows him well  
Meanest man ever to hit the swamp  
folks swear he come straight outta hell

Well Gator McKlusky sittin' on a stump  
hammer pulled back on a twelve gauge pump  
Watchin' that swamp lookin' out for the law  
while he make the best corn liquor you ever saw

(Rock gut whiskey)

While he's makin' that mash  
he watches and he looks  
Ol' Gator he knows that swamp like a book  
Somethin' out there movin'  
Gator, whaddaya see?  
Ain't nothin' but the snakes  
and the gators and me

Everything's okey-dokey  
in the Okefenokee  
that sheriff ain't snoopin' around  
So cook that moonshine down  
'til it's good and clear  
Everything's okey-dokey  
in the Okefenokee  
that sheriff he'd soon  
mess around with the devil  
than to get his self long  
messin' around in here  
One day he was cookin'  
some mash he was almost done  
when they spotted the law  
and they had to run  
So he headed for the swamp  
and they followed him in  
but the law might as well

been a-chasin' the wind

(Look out for that snake, sheriff)

Well they chased on back  
through the muck and the slime  
to the back of that swamp  
where the sun don't shine  
But the law won't never  
catch Gator my friend  
'cause he knows that swamp  
like the back of his hand

Watch out boys, ol' smokey's  
in the Okefenokee  
The sheriff's out  
there snoopin' around  
So shut that business down  
and let's disappear  
Look out boys, ol' smokey's  
in the Okefenokee  
but that sheriff he's really  
gonna catch the devil  
if he keeps on snoopin'  
around in here

(Gator's in the swamp, sheriff)  
(Go get him)  
(If you can)

(Careful, sheriff)  
(Don't let that gator bite  
you on your gonads)

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