

## **Christy Moore**

### **"Lakes Of Ponchartrain"**

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It was one fine March morning, I bid New Orleans Adieu  
And I took the road to Jackson Town, my fortune to  
renew  
I cursed all foreign money, no credit could I gain  
Which filled my heart with a longing for, the Lakes of  
Ponchartrain  
I stepped on board of a railroad car beneath the  
morning sun  
I rode the rods till evening and I laid me down again  
All strangers there no friends to me 'til a dark girl  
towards me came  
And I fell in love with the Creole Girl, by the Lakes of  
Ponchartrain  
I said "Me pretty Creole Girl, me money here's no  
good,  
If it weren't for the alligators, I'd sleep out there in the  
wood"  
"You're welcome here kind stranger, from such sad  
thoughts refrain"  
"For me Mammy welcomes strangers, by the Lakes of  
Ponchartrain"  
She took me into her mammy's house and treated me  
right well  
The hair upon her shoulders in jet black ringlets fell  
To try and paint here beauty, I'm sure 'twould be in vain  
So handsome was my Creole girl by the Lakes of  
Ponchartrain  
I asked her if she'd marry me, she said that ne'er could  
be  
For she had got a lover and he was far at sea  
She said that she would wait for him and true she  
would remain  
Till he'd return to his Creole girl, on the Lakes of  
Ponchartrain  
It's fare thee well, me Creole girl, I'll never see you  
more  
I'll never forget your kindness in the cottage by the  
shore  
And at each social gathering, a flowing bowl I'll drain  
And I'll drink a health to my Creole girl, by the Lakes of  
Ponchartrain  
Chords - best if guitar tuned to D Modal.....

Strings tuned -  
E to D / B to A / G to G / D to D / A to A / E to D  
Key of D  
Chords :  
D, D(C#),D(B),D (A), G, A, D  
D, D(C#).D(B). D(A). Bm, G  
D, D(C#).D(B). D(A). Bm, G  
D, D(C#),D(B),D (A), G, A, D  
(gd/naas)

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