

Fishing Blues

recorded key: G

Henry Thomas • 1929
transcribed from Geoff Muldaur with The Jim Kweskin Jug Band

The musical score for "Fishing Blues" consists of eight staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff. Chords are indicated above certain notes.

Staff 1: Went down the road a - bout twelve o' - clock,
Went down the stream a - bout four o' - clock,
I went back home and I
spied those blue - fish

Staff 2: got me a pole, I went to the hard - ware, got me a hook,
swim - min' a - round, I got so hun - gry, did-n't know what to do,
Put on the skil - let, slap on the lid,

Chorus: A7 D

Staff 3: fit that hook right on that line.
I'm gon - na catch me a blue - fish, too.
Nan - cy's gon - na cook 'em with some short - nin' bread.

Staff 4: D G D

Say, you've been a - fish - in' all the time, I'm a - go - in' fish - in', too,

Chorus: E7 A7

Staff 5: bet your life, your lov - in' wife catch more fish than you,

Staff 6: D G

An - y fish bite if you got good bait, here's a lit - tle some - thin' I would

Staff 7: D

like to re - late, An - y fish bite if you got good bait,

Chorus: G D G D A7 D

I'm a - go - in' fish - in', yes, I'm go - in' fish - in', I'm a - go - in' fish - in', too.