

## MESSING ABOUT ON THE RIVER

When the weather is fine then you know it's a sign  
For messing about on the river  
If you take my advice there's nothing so nice  
As messing about on the river  
There are long boats and short boats and all kinds of craft  
And cruisers and keel boats and some with no draught  
So take off your coat and hop in a boat  
Go messing about on the river

There are boats made from kits that reach you in bits  
For messing about on the river  
Or you might want to skull in a glass-fibred hull  
Just messing about on the river  
There are tillers and rudders and anchors and cleats  
And ropes that are sometimes referred to as sheets  
With the wind in your face there's no finer place  
Than messing about on the river

There are skippers and mates and rowing club eights  
Just messing about on the river  
There are pontoons and trots and all sorts of knots  
For messing about on the river  
With inboards and outboards and dinghies you sail  
The first thing you learn is the right way to bail  
In a one-seat canoe you're the skipper and crew  
Just messing about on the river

There are bridges and locks and moorings and docks  
When messing about on the river  
There's a whirlpool and weir that you mustn't go near  
When messing about on the river  
There are backwater places all hidden from view  
And quaint little islands just waiting for you  
So I'll leave you right now to cast off your bow  
To go messing about on the river