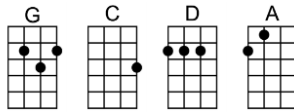


# FISH AND WHISTLE-John Prine

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## Intro: First 3 lines (verse)

**G** **C** **G**  
I been thinking lately about the people I meet

**C** **G** **D**  
The carwash on the corner and the hole in the street

**G** **C** **G** **D** **G**  
The way my ankles hurt with shoes on my feet, and I'm wonderin' if I'm gonna see to-morrow.

**G** **C** **G** **C** **G** **D**  
Father forgive us for what we must do. You forgive us, we'll forgive you

**G** **C** **G** **D** **G**  
We'll forgive each other till we both turn blue, then we'll whistle and go fishin' in a-heaven.

## Instrumental verse

**G** **C** **G** **C** **G** **D**  
I was in the army, but I never dug a trench. I used to bust my knuckles on a monkey wrench

**G** **C** **G** **D** **G**  
I'd go to town and drink, give the girls a pinch, but I don't think they ever even noticed me.

**G** **C** **G** **C** **G** **D**  
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**p.2. Fish and Whistle**

**D G**  
Fish and whistle, whistle and fish, eat everything that they put on your dish

**C G**  
And when we get through we'll make a big wish

**A D**  
That we never have to do this a-gain, again? again?

**G C G**  
On my very first job I said thank you and please.

**C G D**  
They made me scrub a parkin' lot down on my knees

**G C G D G**  
Then I got fired for bein' scared of bees, and they only give me fifty cents an hour.

**G C G C G D**  
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**G C G D G**  
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**Outro: instrumental verse**