

# Jambalaya, Hank Williams

## Verse

(C) Goodbye Joe, me gotta go, me oh (G7) my oh  
(G7) He gotta go, pole the pirogue down the (C) Bayou.  
(C) My Yvonne, the sweetest one, me oh (G7) my oh  
(G7) Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the (C) Bayou.

## Chorus

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(G7) For tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher (C) ami-o  
(C) Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be (G7) gay-o  
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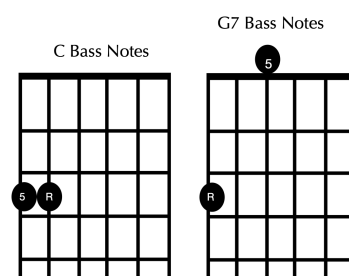
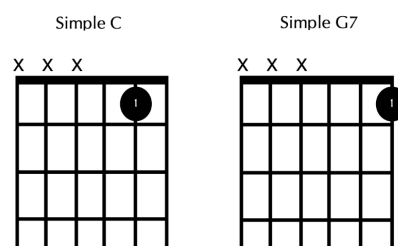
(C) Thibodaux, Fontaineaux, the place is (G7) buzzin'  
(G7) Kinfolk come to see Yvonne by the (C) dozen.  
(C) Dress in style, go hog wild, me oh (G7) my oh  
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## Interlude

## Repeat Chorus



Bass part plays quarter notes  
(C) R - 5 - R - 5  
(G7) R - 5 - R - 5

## Definitions

**jambalaya** - Cajun dish with rice, shrimp, sausage, tomato and peppers

**pirogue** - flat bottom boat used for skimming across the swamp

**Yvonne** - common Cajun name for a girl

**Thibodeau** - typical Cajun family name, subject of many Cajun stories

**Fonteneaux** - typical Cajun family name, often seen with Thibodeau in Cajun stories

**bayou** - swampy river, usually filled with trees and alligators, found in Louisiana and Georgia

**ma chère amie** - French-Cajun dialect for my darling (to a woman)

**gay** - happy, joyful, lighthearted, carefree