

Jug Band Music

The Lovin' Spoonful (1966)

I was down in Savannah eatin' cream and bananas
When the heat just made me faint
I began to get cross-eyed, I thought I was lost, I'd
Begun to see things as they ain't
As the relatives gathered to see what's the matter
The doctor came to see was I dyin'
But the doctor said give him jug band music
It seems to make him feel just fine

I was told a little tale about a skinny-as-a-rail
Eight-foot cowboy with a headache
He was hung up in the desert swattin' rats and trying to get
A drink of water with his knees a-gettin' mud caked
And I'll tell you in a sentence how he stumbled into Memphis
Tennessee hardly crawling, looking dust baked
We gave him little water, a little bit of wine
He opened up his eyes but they didn't seem to shine
And the doctor said give him jug band music
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So if you ever get sickly
Get sis to run quickly to the dusty closet shelf
And pull out a washboard, and play a guitar chord
And do a little do-it-yourself
Call on your neighbors to put down their labors
And come and play the hardware in time
Cause the doctor said give him jug band music
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I was floatin' in the ocean greased with suntan lotion
When I got wiped out by a beach boy
He was surfen' when he hit me but jumped off his board to get me
And he dragged me by the armpit like a child's toy
As we staggered into land with all the waiters eatin' sandwiches
And tried to mooch a towel from the hoi polloi
He emptied out his eardrums, I emptied out mine
And everybody knows that the very last line is
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A part:

C, C

G, G

G, G

G, C

C, C

C, D7

C, C

G7, C

B part:

G, G

G, C

G, G

G, C

C, C

C, F

F, F

C, C

C, C

G7, C