At first mom and papa called their little boy Ned

They raised him on the banks of the river bed

A houseboat tied to a big tall tree a home for my mama and my p apa and me

The clock strikes three papa jumps to his feet

Already mama's cookin' papa somethin' to eat

At half past papa he's ready to go he hops in his piro headed down the bayou

They got fishin' lines strung across the Louisiana River Gonna catch a big fish for us to eat

They said that crops in the swamp catchin' everythin' he can Gonna make a livin' he's a Louisiana man gonna make a livin' he 's a Louisiana man

Muskart hides a hangin' by the dozen even got a lady make a muskart's cousin

Pile of hide dryin' in the hot hot sun tomorrow papa's gonna tu rn them into mon

They call my mama Rita and my daddy Jack

A little baby brother on the floor that's Mac

Rynn and Lynn are the family twins big brother Ed's on the bayo u fishin'

On the river float papa's great big boat that's how my papa goe s into town

Makes every bit of the night and day then ever reach the place where the people stay

I can hardly wait until tomorrow comes around

That's the day my papa takes his fures to town

Papa promised me that I could go even gonna see a cowboy show I see the cowboys and Indians for the first time then told my p appy gotta go again

Papa said son we got the lines to run

We'll come back again that there's work to be done And they got fishin' lines...