

Goofus

Carpenters

I was born on a farm out in Ioway
A flaming youth I was bound I would fly away
I packed my grip and I grabbed my saxophone

Can't read notes, but I play anything by ear
I made up tunes on the sounds that I used to hear
When I'd start to play, folks used to say
"Sounds a little Goofus to me"

Cornfed chords appeal to me
I like rustic harmony
Hold a note and change the key
Hey, but that's Goofus

Not according to the rules
That you learn in music schools
But the folks just dance like fools
They sure go for "Goofus"

Got a job but I just couldn't keep it long
The leader said that I played all the music wrong
So I stepped out with an outfit of my own

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