

The Boats Of Peters River
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[Intro]

D A D

[Verse]

Not a boat in Peter s River or in all Saint Mary s Bay
G D E7 A
The fishermen in rubber boots are staying home today
D A D G A
Hanging out the laundry or hang out in the store
G D A D
And the Little Boats of Newfoundland are idle on the shore
G D A D
The men of Peter s River are just barely getting by
G D A D A D
And the boats of Peter s River have their bottoms to the sky

[Verse]

The wives of Peter s River are taking up the slack
G D E7 A
The fisheries have ended, and it s never coming back
D A D G A
Sell a little knitting, set some broody hens
G D A D
No sooner does a hard day end, another one begins
G D A D
The wives of Peter s River are too strong to sit and cry
G D A D A D
And the boats of Peter s River have their bottoms to the sky

[Verse]

The boys of Peter s River are bright as boys can be
G D E7 A
Their eyes are on the highway instead of on the sea
D A D G A
Where their fathers went before them, is not where they must go
G D A D
And the fate of Peter s River is not for us to know
G D A D
The boys of Peter s River are too young to wonder why
G D A D A D
And the boats of Peter s River have their bottoms to the sky

[Verse]

G D

The storms of Peter s River have pounded us for years

G **D** **E7** **A**

Crashing in the harbour and smashing up the piers

D **A** **D** **G** **A**

We ve ridden out these storms before by shooting at our boats

G **D** **A** **D**

But we know this storm is different and we cannot stay afloat

G **D** **A** **D**

There s no nets in Peter s River, laying out to dry

G **D** **A** **D**

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