

**The Boats Of Peters River**  
**Gordon Bok**

[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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