

**Mister And Mississippi**  
**Tennessee Ernie Ford**

MISTER AND MISSISSIPPI  
Recorded by Tennessee Ernie Ford  
Written by Irving Gordon

**C**                                **Am**                **F**                                **G**  
I can t recall my Mother, I don t remember Dad  
**C**                                **Am**                **F**                                **G**  
Mister and Mississippi was all I ever had  
**Am**                                **C**                                **G**                                **F**  
Oh, I was born to wander, oh, I was born to roam  
**C**                                **Am**                                **G**                                **C**  
And Mister and Mississippi made me feel at home.

CHORUS

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And Mister and Mississippi made me feel at home.

**C**                                **Am**                **F**                                **G**  
My cradle was the river, my school a river boat  
**C**                                **Am**                                **F**                                **G**  
My teacher was a gambler, the slickest one afloat  
**Am**                                **C**                                **G**                                **F**  
His teacher was a gambler, the slickest one afloat  
**C**                                **Am**                                **G**                                **C**  
He taught me not to gamble on a petticoat.

CHORUS

**C**                                **Am**                                **F**                                **G**  
Oh! Betty Mae, I love you, I love you Betty Mae  
**C**                                **Am**                                **F**                                **G**  
I love you like a barefoot boy, loves a summer day  
**Am**                                **C**                                **G**                                **F**  
The way a wand ring gypsy, loves the changing scenes  
**C**                                **Am**                                **G**                                **C**  
Just like the restless river, loves old New Orleans.

CHORUS

**C**                                **Am**                                **F**                                **G**  
I d love a tiny village, a quite country town  
**C**                                **Am**                                **F**                                **G**  
A house, a little garden, with kiddies runnin round  
**Am**                                **C**                                **G**                                **F**  
I d be a faithful husband, I d be a trusting friend  
**C**                                **Am**                                **G**                                **C**  
Until I heard that steamboat, comin round the bend.

