Jambalaya (On The Bayou)

(Hank Williams, The Carpenters and about 1000 others!)

Vocal notes in green

Intro:

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      D       A        A7       D
      G       D        D7       G
  A|-------4--2-----2-------------|
  E|-5--5--2--0--5--0--5--2--0----|
  C|-2--2--------2-----2--------2-|
LoG|----------------------4--2--0-|
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Verse 1:
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(F#) (A) D(B)                      A
(B)  (D) G(E)                      D   (A)
Good-bye Joe, he gotta go, me oh my oh.
                                   D
                                   G
He gotta go, pole the pirogue down the bayou.
                                 A
                                 D
His Yvonne, the sweetest one, me oh my oh.
                        A7          D
                        D7          G
Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.
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Verse 2:
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      D(B)                        A
      G(E)                        D
Thibod-aux, Fontineaux, the place is buzzin',
                                 D
                                 G
Kin-folk come to see Yvonne by the dozen.
                                 A
                                 D
Dress in style, go hog wild me, oh my oh.
                        A7          D
                        D7          G
Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.
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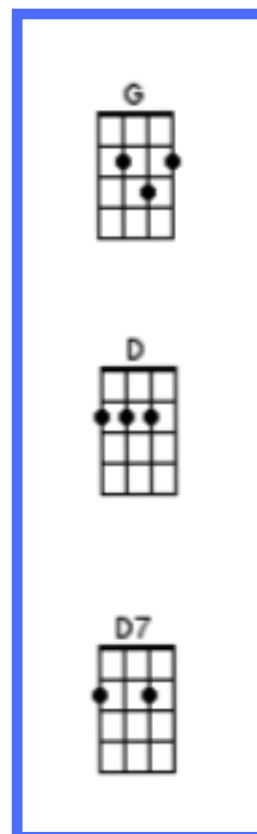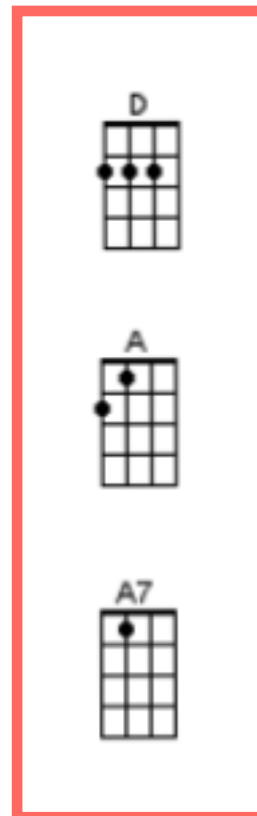
Chorus:

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    (D)    D(D)                        A
    (G)    G(G)                        D
    Jambal-aya, crawfish pie, filé gumbo
                                          D
                                          G
    For tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio.
                                        A
                                        D
    Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o,
                            A7            D
                            D7            G
    Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.
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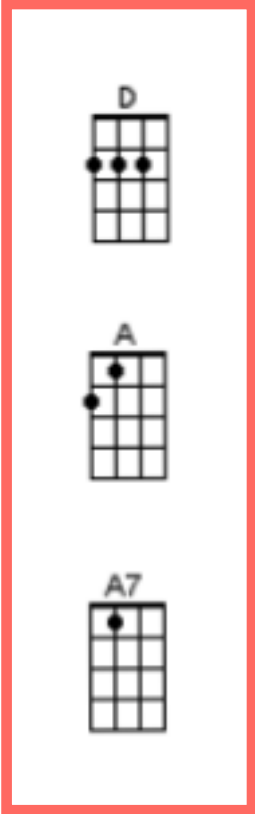
Verse:

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        D(B)                            A
        G(E)                            D
Settle down, far from town, get him a pirogue
                                    D
                                    G
And he'll catch all the fish in the bayou
                                    A
                                    D
Swap his mon to buy Yvonne what she need-o
                        A7          D
                        D7          G
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou.
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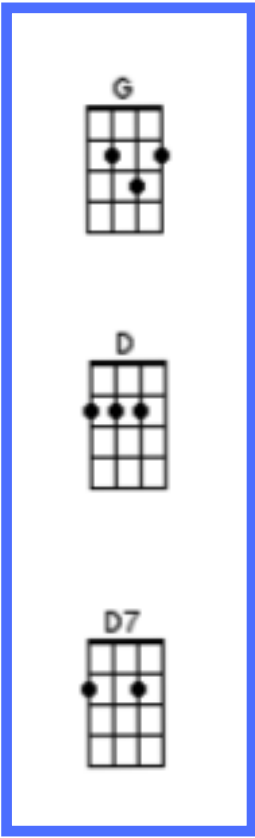
Chorus:

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        D(D)                        A
        G(G)                        D
    Jambal-aya, crawfish pie, filé gumbo
                                          D
                                          G
    For tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio.
                                        A
                                        D
    Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o,
                            A7            D
                            D7            G
    Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.
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Outro:

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D(4)  A(4)  A7(4)  D(1)
G(4)  D(4)  D7(4)  G(1)
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What it all means

Written by Hank Williams, the song is a mixture of English and Cajun French. It tells the story of Joe who is about to leave home with his girlfriend to set up home nearby.

pirogue   a flat-bottom boat

pole the pirogue   use a punt-like pole to propel the boat (May also be a metaphor for setting off on a journey of life.)

Yvonne   Joe's fiancé

bayou   a shallow stretch of water

Jambalaya   a traditional Creole dish of rice, vegetables and meat

Crawfish pie   popular in Creole and Cajun cuisine

Gumbo   a thick soup made from smoked sausage, chicken and ham. Popular in Louisiana

ma cher amio   Cajun French for my best friend

fruit jar   alcoholic drink

Thibodaux, Fountainaux Joe and Yvonne's extended families

mon   Joe's possessions (which he'll swap to buy Yvonne what she needs)