



t Don't Go Near the Water by Johnny Cash (1974)

Intro : F C F (4 ea) Bum-ditty strum

Chorus:

F C  
Don't go near the water children, see the fish all dead upon the shore.

F C G C  
Don't go near the water cause the water isn't water any more.

v1:

C G  
From the fountains in the mountains comes the water running cool

C G  
and clear and blue. And it comes down from the hills and goes to

C F  
towns and passes through. When it gets down to the cities, then the

C  
water turns into a dirty gray. Cause its poisoned and polluted by the

G C  
people as it goes along its way.

Chorus:

v2:

C G  
There was a time the air was clean and you could see forever cross

C G  
the plains. The wind was sweet as honey and no one had ever heard

C F  
of acid rain. We're torturin' the earth and putin' every kind of evil in

C G C  
the sea. We violated nature, and our children have to pay the penal-ty.

Chorus:

**(spoken) while strummin'**

I was sittin' in the bank of the lake at home fishin' with my little boy. I said,  
" Have you got a bite yet son?" He said, "No sir," "have you Daddy?" I said, "I  
believe I have a nibble." He said, " Daddy if we catch a fish can we cook 'em  
and eat 'em?" I said, 'maybe we better not son, they say that it may not be safe  
to eat the fish in this water anymore."

Chorus 2X - then outro tag last line.-Slowly!

