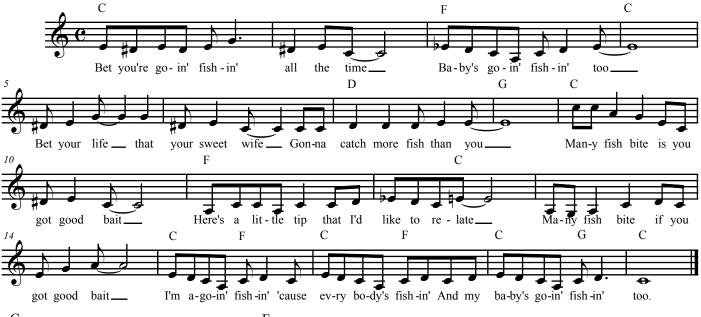
Fishing Blues (I'm a-Goin' Fishin')

Old-time Rag; **DATE**: Early 1900's; 1928 recording by Henry Thomas; **RECORDING INFO**: Henry "Ragtime Texas" Thomas in 1928 Vocalion 1249; Taj Mahal; Doc Watson; **NOTES:** Born in 1874, Henry Thomas was an African-American "songster," tracing his musical style back to pre-blues tradition, including playing a rack of quills (a folk instrument made from cane reeds). Thought not a regular blues, "Fishing Blues" is a popular fingerstyle guitar piece and has been successfully reworked by Taj Mahal and others.



C Bet you're goin' fishin' all the time Baby's goin' fishin' too.

Bet your life that your sweet wife Gonna catch more fish than you. G

CHORUS: Many fish bite if you got good bait. Here's a little tip that I'd like to relate:

Many fish bite if you got good bait. I'm a-goin' fishin',

Cause everybody's fishin', And my baby's goin' fishin' too.

Went on down to my favorite fishin' hole.

Baby, grab me a pole and line.

Threw my line in, caught a nine-pound catfish.

Brought him home for suppertime, provin' CHORUS:

I lean right back against on old bit tree Then a big old bass took a look at me

He took my bait when I throwed my line

When I got him to the bank, Lord, he sure looked fine CHORUS:

You put him in a pot or you put him in a pan,

Cook him till he's nice and brown.

Make a batch of buttermilk hoecakes,

Grab your fork and chomp 'em on down. CHORUS: