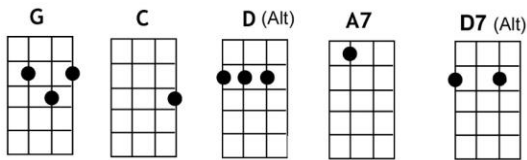


# Fish and Whistle ~ written and performed by John Prine

**(chord) = one strum**



**INTRO/Count in:** **Cathy** [G] [G] [G] [G]

[G] I been thinking lately about the [C] people I [G] meet  
The [C] carwash on the [G] corner and the [D] hole in the street  
The [G] way my ankles hurt with [C] shoes on my feet  
And I'm [G] wondering if I'm [D] gonna see to-[G]-morrow

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[C] You forgive [G] us, [D] we'll forgive you  
[G] We'll forgive each other till we [C] both turn blue  
Then we'll [G] whistle and go [D] fishing in [G] Heaven

[G] I was in the army but I [C] never dug a [G] trench  
I [C] used to bust my [G] knuckles on a [D] monkey wrench  
I'd [G] go to town and drink, [C] give the girls a pinch  
But I [G] don't think they [D] ever even [G] noticed me

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[D] Fish and whistle, whistle and fish; [G] eat everything that they put on your dish  
And [C] when we get through, we'll [G] make a big wish  
That we [A7] never have to do this a-[D7]-gain...a-[D7]-gain . . . a-[D7]-gain [D7]

On my [G] very first job I said [C] "thank you" and [G] "please"  
They [G] made me scrub a parking lot [D] down on my knees  
[G] Then I got fired for [C] being scared of bees  
And they [G] only give me [D] fifty cents an [G] hour

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