

HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN STAY AT HOME

This is a great jamming tune, and the verses can go on forever. Any of the dozens of verses to "Shady Grove" will fit, among others. You can hear a nice rendition of this song by the Dublin group *We Banjo 3* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihxwAM3wEyQ>.

DOWN THE RIVER UNCLE JOE

C **G** **D**
It's eighteen pounds of meat a week, and whiskey for to sell
C **G** **D**
How can a young man stay at home when the pretty girls look so well?

CHORUS:

D **G** **D** **G**
Down the river I go Uncle Joe, down the river I go.
D **G** **D** **G**
Down the river I go Uncle Joe, down the river I go.

CHORUS

C **G** **D**
I'm goin' up on that mountain top, gonna give my horn a blow
C **G** **D**
Thought I heard that pretty gal say, "Down the river I'll go..."

CHORUS

C **G** **D**
Wish I had a needle and thread, as fine as I could sew
C **G** **D**
I'd sew that pretty girl to my side and down the river I'd go.

C **G** **D**
I wish I had a banjo string, all made of golden twine --
C **G** **D**
And ev'ry time I played on it, I'd wish that girl was mine.

CHORUS