# Fish And Whistle

John Prine 1978

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**CHORUS**

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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 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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**[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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