

# Ferrying Song by Toni Harting

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## Ferrying Song

**FERRYING SONG**  
TONI HARTING (Guitar)  
moderate  
There once was a man with a ver-y long beard Who  
want-ed to fer-ry a cross A vi-o-lent  
wild-er-ness riv-er To show it that he was the boss  
Just to show it that he was the boss. Dip it in and  
pull it out And make a pry and do a draw Dip it in and  
pull it out And fer-ry the can-o-e a cross.  
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### verse 1

There once was a man with a very long beard  
Who wanted to ferry across  
A violent wilderness river  
To show it that he was the boss  
Just to show it that he was the boss

**chorus** Dip it in and pull it out  
And make a pry and do a draw  
Dip it in and pull it out  
And ferry the canoe across

### verse 2

It all went OK till about halfway  
He tried to get back to the shore  
But the very long beard, wild woolly and weird  
Yelled out "I can't take it no more  
That's enough, I can't take it no more!"

### chorus

### verse 3

It panicked and tried to get out of the boat  
Quite sick of this whitewater challenge  
But the man cried "No, no, stay inside, do not go  
Be careful, we'll lose our balance  
Sit down or we'll lose our balance

### chorus

### verse 4

The beard wanted out but the man wanted in  
They fought like two fools on the water  
Committing some horrible safety sins  
Trying to strangle each other  
Yes trying to strangle each other

### chorus

### verse 5

But then the canoe was fed up with those two  
And suddenly slipped from their grasp  
Down under they went, the beard and the man  
The terrible cold made them gasp  
Oh the terrible cold made them gasp

### chorus

### verse 6

Well the man and his beard, wild woolly and weird  
Both drowned for their chances were slim  
So if you want to ferry make sure that you carry  
A whitewater beard that can swim  
Yes a whitewater beard that can swim  
So if you want to ferry make sure that you carry  
A whitewater beard that can swim  
Yes a whitewater beard that can swim

### chorus

### extra chorus

When the ferry is complete  
And you're still dry and all is neat  
Once again get off your feet  
And ferry the canoe across

### chorus

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