

# Leaving Louisiana in the Broad Daylight -

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Lord, Mary took to running with a traveling man  
Left her momma crying with her head in her hands

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Such a sad case so broken hearted  
She say momma-I got to go I gotta get out of here  
I gotta get out of town I'm tired of hanging around

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I gotta roll on between the ditches

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It's just an ordinary story bout the way things go,  
Round and around nobody knows

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But the highway goes on forever

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Oh, that old highway rolls on forever

====CHORUS

Gbm

E7

She say never have I knowed it when it felt so good

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Never have I knew it when I knew I could

Gbm

E7

Never have I done it when it looked so right

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Lord she never would have done it if she hadn't got drunk  
If she hadn't started running with a traveling man

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If she hadn't started taking those crazy chances  
She said daughter let me tell you bout the traveling kind  
Everywhere he's going such a very short time

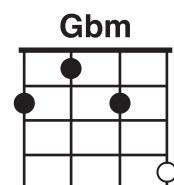
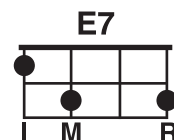
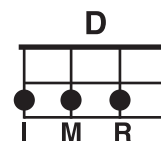
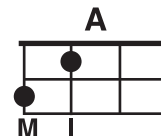
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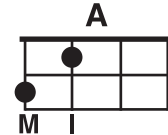
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He'll be long gone before you know it - oh, he'll be long gone before you know it

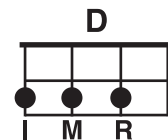


## CHORUS

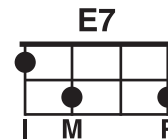
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Oh it's down in the swampland anything goes  
It's alligator bait and the bars don't close



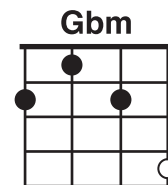
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It's the real thing down in Louisiana  
Did you ever see a Cajun when he really got mad  
Really got trouble like a daughter gone bad



D A  
It gets real hot down in Louisiana



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Oh the stranger better move it or he's gonna get killed  
He's gonna have to get it or a shotgun will



D A  
It ain't no time for lengthy speeches -  
D A  
No, there ain't no time for lengthy speeches

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[REPEAT LAST VERSE]

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