

I've Been Floating Down the Old Green River

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The musical score is written for guitar, with chords indicated above the staff. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score is divided into two systems, each with four staves. The first system contains the first 16 measures, and the second system contains the remaining 16 measures. The lyrics are as follows:

Half past four, Dan Mc Graw Came sneak-ing to his
 Dan-ny's frau raised a row, Said "I'll go home to
 wif-ey's door, She'd been wait-ing up all night, Wait-ing for him
 moth-er now," Dan-ny said, "That's some i-dea, Bet-ter than bring-
 to go to bed. Dan-ny smiled like a child,
 -ing Moth-er here." At the door, there she saw
 But his wif-ey grew ver-y wild, "Where have you been all night
 Her pa and ma and sev-'ral more, Dad was ex-plain-ing when
 long," she cried, And this is what Dan-ny re-plied:
 he came in, Tell-ing ma where he had been:
 I've been float-ing down the old Green Riv-er on the good ship Rock and
 Rye, But I float-ed too far, I got stuck on a bar, I was
 I was
 out there a-lone, wish-ing that I was home, The ship got wrecked with the
 tied to the mast while the schoon-ers went past,
 cap-tain and crew, And there was on-ly one thing left to do, So I
 had to drink the old Green Riv-er dry to get back home to you.