

Louisiana Man

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At birth, Mom and Pa-pa called their lit - tle boy Ned, Raised him on the banks of a riv - er bed, A
They call Ma - ma Ri-ta and my Dad - dy Jack, Lit - tle ba-by brother on the floor that's Mack, —

house-boat tied to a big tall tree, A home for my Pa pa and my Ma-ma and me. The
Bren and Lin are the fam - 'ly twins, — Big broth-er Ed's — on the bay - ou fishin'. —

clock strikes three, Pa - pa jumps to his feet, Al - read - y Ma - ma's cook-in' Pa - pa some-thing to eat, At
On the river floats Pa-pa's great big — boat, — That's — how — Pa pa goes — in - to town, —

half past Pa-pa, he's a - read - y to go, He jumps in his pi - roque, head - ed down the bay-ou. He's got
Takes ev'ry bit — of a night — and a day To even reach a place — where — peo - ple stay. —

fish-ing lines strung a-cross the Lou-'si - an - a riv - ers, Got - ta catch a big fish for us to eat, He's set-tin'
I can hardly wait un - til to-mor-row comes a-round, — That's the day my Papa takes the furs to town. —

traps in the swamps, catch - in' an - y - thing he can, Got - ta make a liv - in', he's a
Papa prom - ised me Ned and I could — go, SKIP TWO BARS VERSE 2 —

Lou-'si - an - a Man, Got - ta make a liv - in', he's a Lou - 'si - an - a Man. —
E - ven let me see — a — cow - boy — show. I seen the

Musk - rat hides hang-in' by the doz - ens, E - ven got a la - dy mink, a musk-rat's cou - sin,
cow - boys and Indians for the first time, — Then I told my pa-pa, "I got - ta go a - gain," —

Got 'em out dry - in' in the hot, hot sun, To - mor - row Pa - pa's gon - na turn 'em in - to mon'.
Pa - pa said, "Son, we got — lines to run, We'll come — back a - gain, — first there's work to be done."

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