

DON'T TAKE THE GIRL

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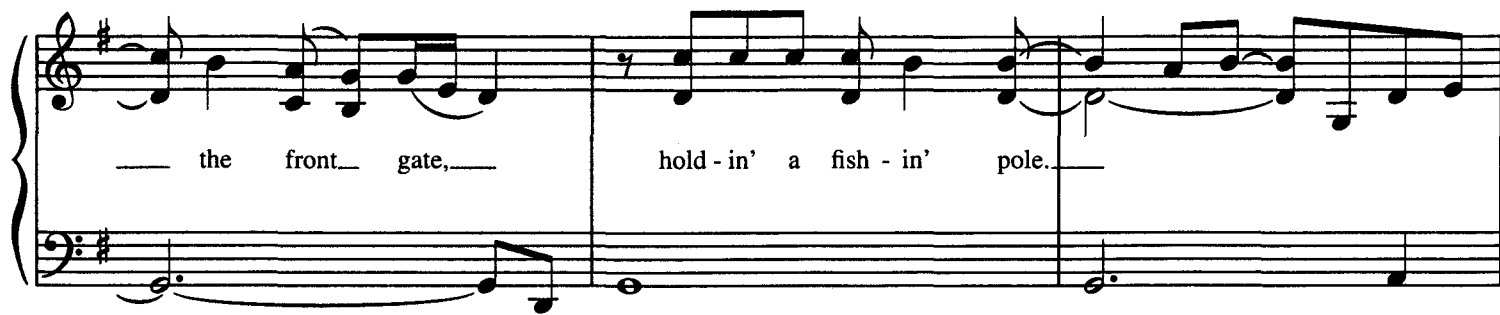
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(with pedal)

Verse:

1. John-ny's dad - dy was tak - in' him fish - in'

when he was eight years old. A lit - tle girl came through.



the front gate, hold-in' a fish-in' pole.

Bm7 Cmaj7 Bm7

His dad looked down and smiled, said, "We can't leave her behind."

Cmaj7 Am7 G/B

Son, I know you don't want her to go, but

Cmaj7 D7sus G Am/G G

some-day you'll change your mind." And Johnny said, "Take Jim-my John-son,"



take Tom-my Tomp - son, take my best friend, Bo.



Take an - y - bod - y that you want as long as she don't go.



Take an - y boy in the world, Dad - dy, please,



don't take the girl."

1.2.

C/G G C/G G

3.

John-ny's dad - dy was tak - in' him fish - in' when he was eight years__ old.
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Verse 2:

Same ol' boy, same sweet girl, ten years down the road.
 He held her tight and kissed her lips in front of the picture show.
 A stranger came and pulled a gun and grabbed her by the arm.
 Said, "If you do what I tell you to, there won't be any harm."
 And Johnny said,
 "Take my money, take my wallet, take my credit cards.
 Here's the watch that my grandpa gave me, here's the keys to my car.
 Mr., give it a whirl, but please, don't take the girl."

Verse 3:

Same ol' boy, same sweet girl, five years down the road.
 There's gonna be a little one and she says, "It's time to go."
 Doctor said, "The baby's fine but, you'll have to leave
 'Cause his mama's fadin' fast," and Johnny hit his knees.
 And then he prayed,
 "Take the very breath you gave me, take the heart from my chest.
 I'll gladly take her place if you'll have me.
 Make this my last request.
 Take me out of this world, God, please, don't take the girl."