

## Bottomless Lake

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**Capo 2:** Key of A (John plays capo 3 or A#)

(**Intro:** G CC GG DD GG (twice) (On CD= A DD AA EE AA )

Here's the story of a man and his family and a <u>big</u> trip that they <u>took</u>	G D G	A E A
I heard all about it in a restaurant, and I <u>read</u> it in a history <u>book</u>	A D	B E
They <u>rented</u> a car at the <u>Erie</u> Canal, but the car didn't have no <u>brake</u>	C G C	D A D
Said ma to pa, "My <u>God</u> , this car is gonna <u>fall</u> into the bottomless <u>lake</u> "	G D G	A E A

### Break with Intro chords

Well <u>mama</u> turned to daddy with a pale face she <u>said</u>	G D	A E A
"I've done something horribly <u>wrong</u>	G	A
The water's still runnin' in the bathtub and I <u>think</u> I left the kitchen light <u>on</u> "	A D	B E
Then I <u>heard</u> a crash, the car went <u>splash</u> , the compass rolled around and <u>around</u>	C G C	D A D
Oh, for heaven's sake! We <u>fell</u> in a lake and I <u>think</u> we're all gonna <u>down</u> .	G D G	A E A

### Chorus:

<u>We</u> are <u>falling</u> down, down to the bottom of a <u>hole</u> in the ground	G D G	A E A
Smoke 'em if you got 'em, <u>I'm</u> so scared, I can <u>hardly</u> breathe	C G	D A
I may <u>never</u> see my sweetheart <u>again</u>	D G	E A

### Break with intro chords

<u>There</u> was plenty of food in the back seat and the <u>windows</u> were rolled up <u>tight</u>	G D G	A E A
So we all nibbled on a chicken leg and told <u>stories</u> way through the <u>night</u>	A D	B E
<u>Pa</u> told one that he told <u>before</u> and the baby got a <u>bellyache</u>	C G C	D A D
Said ma to pa, "My <u>God</u> , this car is <u>falling</u> down the bottomless <u>lake</u> "	G D G	A E A

### Chorus

### Break with intro chords

<u>Papa</u> played the music on the radio, <u>Mama</u> rocked the baby to <u>sleep</u>	G D G	A E A
He said he would'a taken the other road, but he <u>didn't</u> think the lake was that deep	A D	B E
If the <u>ferry'd</u> been there at the end of the <u>pier</u> , we'd be half way to Uncle <u>Jake's</u>	C G C	D A D
Instead of lookin' at fish out the <u>window</u> , I wish	G	A
We'd hit the <u>bottom</u> of the bottomless <u>lake</u>	D G	E A

### Chorus

### Break with intro chords 2X

<u>So</u> if you're ever goin' on a big trip, ya <u>better</u> be careful out <u>there</u>	G D G	A E A
Start everything on your good foot, <u>wear</u> clean <u>underwear</u>	A D	B E
<u>Take</u> along a bible in the <u>back</u> seat, read of David and of <u>Solomon</u>	C G C	D A D
Cuz if you make a mistake in the <u>bottomless</u> lake	G	A
You may <u>never</u> see your sweetheart <u>again</u>	D G	E A

**Repeat last two lines 2 times** That's right!