THAT'S THE WAY THAT THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND

John Prine

C F
DID YOU EVER STAND AND SHIVER
C G G7 C F, C, G, C
WHILE YOU WERE STARING AT A RIVER?
C
WELL I KNOW A GUY THAT'S GOT A LOT TO LOSE,
F
HE'S A PRETTY NICE FELLA, KINDA CONFUSED.
C
HE'S GOT MUSCLES IN HIS HEAD AIN'T NEVER BEEN USED,
G G7
HE THINKS HE OWNS HALF OF THIS TOWN.

C
WELL HE STARTS DRINKIN' HEAVY, GETS A BIG RED NOSE,
F
THEN HE FIGHTS WITH HIS LADY, UNTIL IT SHOWS.
C
HE TAKES HER OUT TO DINNER, AND BUYS HER NEW CLOTHES,
G C
AND THAT'S THE WAY THAT THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND.

Chorus
C
THAT'S THE WAY THAT THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND,
F
YOU'RE UP ONE DAY, THE NEXT YOU'RE DOWN,
C
IT'S HALF INCH OF WATER, BUT YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA DROWN,
G7 C
THAT'S THE WAY THAT THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND.

I WAS SITTIN' IN THE BATHTUB, A-COUNTIN' MY TOES,
WHEN THE RADIATOR BROKE, THE WATER ALL FROZE.
I GOT STUCK IN THE ICE, WITHOUT MY CLOTHES,
NAKED AS THE EYES OF A CLOWN.

I WAS CRYING THOSE ICE CUBES, HOPING I'D CROAK,
WHEN THE SUN CAME THROUGH THE WINDOW, THE ICE ALL BROKE.
I STOOD UP AND LAUGHED; I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE,
THAT'S THE WAY THAT THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND. Chorus 2 x

DID YOU EVER STAND AND SHIVER WHILE YOU WERE STARING AT A RIVER?

THAT'S THE WAY THAT THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND. (repeat...) Chorus.

THAT'S THE WAY THAT THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND, 2 x
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