

## IF I COULD

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**Verse 1** If I could [D] make my living going [G] fishing  
Then I would [D] make my living with a [A] line and pole  
Put [D] food on the table pay the money to the landlord  
[G7] Buy some working clothes,  
Cause I ain't ^ making [D] money going fishing  
Like I'm [A] paid at the [D] factory

**Verse 2** If I could [D] pay all these bills with my [G] guitar  
Then I would [D] pay these bills with some [A] rock and roll  
Put [D] food on the table pay the money to the landlord  
[G7] Buy some working clothes  
Cause I ain't ^ making [D] money playing guitar  
Like I'm [A] paid at the [D] factory

**Chorus** Now if I [G7] could (if I could) Then I [D] would (then I would)  
[E7] Make money doing something that I love  
I'd [A] thank my lucky stars above

**Verse 3** If I could [D] just get by loving [G] you dear  
Then I would [D] just get by making [A] love to you  
Put [D] food on the table pay the money to the landlord  
[G7] Buy some working clothes  
Cause I ain't ^ making [D] money making love  
Like I'm [A] paid at the [D] factory

**Chorus** Now if I [G7] could (if I could) Then I [D] would (then I would)  
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**Outro:** Put [D] food on the table pay the money to the landlord  
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