

Port City Blues

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[Blues in F]

Verse 1

F F7 F6 F Bb7
I pulled my shrimp boat up on the beach
Bb7 C F
And started singing port city blues.
F F7 F6 F Bb7
And soon people started comin' 'round
Bb7 C F
To hear my sweet port city blues.
F F7 F6 F Bb7
And so my shrimp boat soon became a stage
Bb7 C F
For singing my port city blues.
F F7 F6 F Bb7
And the shrimping's gotten harder, but it's all the rage
Bb7 C F
To hear me sing port city blues.

Chorus

Bb Bb7
Port Aransas, Port Lavaca, Port Isabel,
C Bb F
And a dozen places in between.
Bb Bb7
Yeah, the shrimping's down to scraping by, but life is good
Bb Cm F
Just as long as I can sing.
Bb Cm F
Just as long as I can sing.

Verse 2

F F7 F6 F Bb7
So I went away to Houston and I got a gig
Bb7 C F
Singing my port city blues.
F F7 F6 F Bb7
And Houston's kinda friendly but it's very big
Bb7 C F
And soon I really did have the blues.

F F7 F6 F Bb7
 So I went back home to my shrimp boat stage
 Bb7 C F
 To sing my sweet port city blues.
 F F7 F6 F Bb7
 And folks'll come from Houston 'cause it's all the rage
 Bb7 C F
 To hear me sing port city blues.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Verse 3 F F7 F6 F Bb7
 Well my cousin Jimmy took another way
 Bb7 C F
 With his boat when the shrimping failed.
 F F7 F6 F Bb7
 Took a long trip south, and the Coast Guard says
 Bb7 C F
 That his cargo didn't have shrimp tails.
 F F7 F6 F Bb7
 But I'm sittin' down here on my shrimp boat stage
 Bb7 C F
 Singing my port city blues.
 F F7 F6 F Bb7
 Even Jimmy heard in prison that it's all the rage
 Bb7 C F
 To hear me sing port city blues.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Verse 4 F F7 F6 F Bb7
 Bless my soul, is that a hurricane
 Bb7 C F
 Comin' messin' with the things I do?
 F F7 F6 F Bb7
 Up-coast, down-coast, all the same
 Bb7 C F
 Port cities gonna sing the blues.

F F7 F6 F Bb7
 I landed two blocks inland on my shrimp boat stage
 Bb7 C F
 Singing my port city blues.
 F F7 F6 F Bb7
 And a hurricane won't stop me 'cause it's still the rage
 Bb7 C F
 To hear me sing port city blues.

Chorus Bb Bb7
 Port Aransas, Port Lavaca, Port Isabel,
 C Bb F
 And a dozen places in between.
 Bb Bb7
 Yeah, the shrimping's down to scraping by, but life is good
 Bb Cm F
 Just as long as I can sing.
 Bb Cm F
 Just as long as I can sing.

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 Port O'Connor, Freeport, Port Mansfield and
 C Bb F
 A dozen places in between.
 Bb Bb7
 Yeah, the shrimping's down to scraping by, but life is good
 Bb Cm F
 Just as long as I can sing.

Bb Bb7
 Corpus Christi, Texas City, and Galveston,
 C Bb F
 And a dozen places in between.
 Bb Bb7
 Yeah, the shrimping's down to scraping by, but life is good
 Bb Cm F
 Just as long as I can sing.
 Bb Bb7
 Matagorda, Rockport, Port Bolivar,

C Bb F
And a dozen places in between.
Bb Bb7
Yeah, the shrimping's down to scraping by, but life is good
Bb Cm F
Just as long as I can sing.

Bb Bb7
Seadrift, Seabrook, Port Arthur and
C Bb F
A dozen places in between.

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Bb Bb7
Aransas Pass, Brownsville, Palacios and,
C Bb F
And a dozen places in between.

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Bb Bb7
Port Aransas, Port Lavaca, Port Isabel,
C Bb F
And a dozen places in between.

Bb Bb7
Yeah, the shrimping's down to scraping by, but life is good
Bb Cm F

Just as long as I can sing [Port City].

Bb Cm F
Just as long as I can sing [Port City].

Bb Cm F
Just as long as I can sing [Port City].

Bb Cm F
Just as long as I can sing.