

Chicken Is Nice

Dave Van Ronk - Howard B. Hayes

[D] I don't want no wife from Robert's Falls,
Don't want no wife from Robert's Falls,
The only **[G]** dish, she can cook is fried **[D]** fish,
Don't want no wife from **[A]** Robert's **[D]** Falls.
Chicken is nice, chicken is nice,
Chicken is **[G]** nice with palm **[D]** butter **[A]** and **[D]** rice.
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[D] I don't want no wife from Cape Palmas,
Don't want no wife from Cape Palmas,
If I move **[G]** around, she'll put me in the **[D]** ground,
I don't want no wife from Cape **[A]** Pal-**[D]** mas.
Chicken is nice, chicken is nice,
Chicken is **[G]** nice with palm **[D]** butter **[A]** and **[D]** rice
[D] // - **[G]** // - **[D]** /**[A]** - **[D]** //

I **[D]** don't want no wife from Sinoe,
Don't want no wife from Sinoe,
If I go out at **[G]** night, she'll challenge me to a **[D]** fight,
I don't want no wife from **[A]** Si-**[D]** noe.
Chicken is nice, chicken is nice,
Chicken is **[G]** nice with palm **[D]** butter **[A]** and **[D]** rice.
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[D] I don't want no wife from Monrovia,
Don't want no wife from Monrovia,
When my money gets **[G]** low, to another she'll **[D]** go,
I don't want no wife from Mon-**[A]** ro-**[D]** via.
Chicken is nice, chicken is nice,
Chicken is **[G]** nice with palm **[D]** butter **[A]** and **[D]** rice.
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"Chicken Is Nice" was recorded in the late 1940's by its composer, the blind Liberian pianist Howard B. Hayes, and released on a 78 album called... *Cafe and Cabaret Music from Liberia*, or something of that sort, which is where Dave Van Ronk learned it. This was reissued in 2004 on "Songs of the African Coast: Café Music of Liberia and Ghana