Come Fishing With Me!

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For my boys.

Let the adventures begin!
The weather is perfect, 
as good as can be. 
So what are we waiting for? 
Come fishing with me!
Let’s grab all our gear;
we’ll need the canoe,
a pair of life jackets,
and some paddles too.
Bring rods and reels,
live minnows for bait,
some lures and jigs,
and worms would be great!
Then grab the net,
and we’ve got all our gear.
Get ready to paddle.

Push off from the pier.
Here’s a good spot;
I like how it looks.
Drop in the anchor.
Put bait on our hooks.
Be quiet and patient and wait for a bite...
Reel in the slack...
and set the hook right!
You’ve hooked a fish —
a big one I bet!
Reel it in gently
and into the net.
That sure was a blast,
I hope you agree.
A hug is my thank you
for fishing with me!
The End
Sometimes fishing can take lots of gear. Try naming the things that you can see here.
Now you’ve caught a big fish but aren’t sure what kind, so check out this book and see what you find.

*Which Fish is This?*
A Beginner’s Guide to Fish of the Midwest
by Joe Lilek
The author (left) showing off some crappies with his older brothers, Nick (middle) and Jack (right) circa 1994.

The author showing off his first legal walleye.