

# Down In Mississippi

Mavis Staples

Verse 1

As far back as I can remember  
I either had a plow or hoe  
One of those 'ole nine foot sacs  
standing at the old turn row(Chorus)

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Down in Mississippi where I was born  
Down in Mississippi where i come fromVerse 2

They had a hunting season on the rabbit

If you shoot em you went to jail

Season was a always open on me

Nobody needed no bandChorusVerse 3

I remember, I use to walk down that gravel road, walking with my grandma,

Mississippi sun, beaming down

I went to get some waterMy grandma said, young 'un you can't drink that water, she said you drink from that  
fountain over there, heha

and that fountain had a sign

said "for colored only"

I was so glad I had my grandma and my papa, a huh, and I wont leave you out grandpa

My grandpa was so pround of me yall

I went down in forest Mississippi one time na,

didn't know no better, but i intergrated, a

washeteria

He was telling everybody, my grandbaby mavis, she went up to washeteria and washed some clothes, and all the  
black ladies followed her on up in there, I'm proud of my grandbaby,

I saw many more of those signs as I lived in Mississippi,

I'm so glad I can say that I saw every one of those signs, Dr. King saw that every one of those signs was taken  
down, down in MississippiChorus

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