

Backwater Blues

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There's trouble's takin' place in the lowlands at night And I'm backwater blues done call me to pack my things
and go
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'Cause my house fell down, can't live there no more, no more When it rains five days and the skies turn dark as
night
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There's trouble's takin' place in the lowlands tonight I woke up this mornin', can't even get out of my door
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There's been so much trouble, make a poor boy
Wonder where he wanna go And I'm backwater blues done call me to pack my things and go
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'Cause my house fell down, can't go there no more, no When it thunders and lightnin' and the wind begins to
blow
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There's thousands of people ain't got no where to go, no And I'm backwater blues done call me to pack my
things and go
And I'm backwater blues done call me to pack my things and go
'Cause my house fell down, can't go there no more, no more Oh, the rain's pourin', baby, yes I went out to the
lonesome, high old lonesome hill
I went out [Incomprehensible], high old lonesome hill
I looked down on that place where I used to live And I'm backwater blues done call me to pack my things and go
And I'm backwater blues done call me to pack my things and go
'Cause my house fell down, can't go home no more, no And I'm backwater blues, and I'm backwater blues
And I'm backwater blues, and I'm backwater blues
Yeah, my house fell down, can't go home no more
No more, no more

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