Waiting on the River to Rise

Kingsley Flood

Wake well past midnight
to the burden of bills
and the screaming quiet

We swam along just fine
then she broke her back
and a bank broke mine

Now I'm at the kitchen table putting numbers on the paper and dodging the mirror on the wall
And I swear I'd drive til the sun gave light, I need just a little push is all
And I'd build my boat so tall so wide, but I'm still waiting on the river to rise

I was born by the book
I keep my carpet clean
And my money earned

Why is the TV man
always smiling at me
I wonder who he burned

How come everybody for the common man never looks quite like me
They're running on the sun with their shoes undone and they never seem to burn their feet
And I'd build my boat so tall so wide, but I'm still waiting on the river to rise

Scratch tickets on my shelf
Stains on my knees
Pennies in my well

I got faith in faith
Because the other choice
Is no choice at all

Now there's a man in the sky that I done right by and he ain't done right by me
And I never asked forgiveness for the things I done but you just wait and see
I will build my boat so tall so wide and I won't be waiting on the river to rise

No I won't be waiting on the river to rise

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