

# Mississippi Goddam

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The name of this tune is Mississippi Goddam  
And I mean every word of it Alabama's gotten me so upset  
Tennessee made me lose my rest  
And everybody knows about Mississippi Goddam Alabama's gotten me so upset  
Tennessee made me lose my rest  
And everybody knows about Mississippi Goddam Can't you see it? Can't you feel it?  
It's all in the air  
I can't stand the pressure much longer  
Somebody say a prayer Alabama's gotten me so upset  
Tennessee made me lose my rest  
And everybody knows about Mississippi Goddam This is a show tune  
But the show hasn't been written for it, yet Hound dogs on my trail  
School children sitting in jail  
Black cat cross my path  
I think everyday's gonna be my last Lord, have mercy on this land of mine  
We all gonna get it in due time  
I don't belong here, I don't belong there  
I've even stopped believing in prayer Don't tell me, I tell you  
Me and my people just about due  
I've been there so I know  
They keep on saying, "Go slow!" But that's just the trouble, do it slow  
Washing the windows, do it slow  
Picking the cotton, do it slow  
You're just plain rotten, do it slow You're too damn lazy, do it slow  
The thinking's crazy, do it slow  
Where am I going? What am I doing?  
I don't know, I don't know Just try to do your very best  
Stand up be counted with all the rest  
For everybody knows about Mississippi Goddam I bet you thought I was kiddin' Picket lines, school boy cots  
They try to say it's a communist plot  
All I want is equality  
For my sister, my brother, my people and me Yes, you lied to me all these years  
You told me to wash and clean my ears  
And talk real fine just like a lady  
And you'd stop calling me Sister Sadie Oh, but this whole country is full of lies  
You're all gonna die and die like flies  
I don't trust you any more  
You keep on saying, "Go slow! Go slow!" But that's just the trouble, do it slow  
Desegregation, do it slow

Mass participation, do it slow  
Reunification, do it slowDo things gradually, do it slow  
But bring more tragedy, do it slow  
Why don't you see it? Why don't you feel it?  
I don't know, I don't knowYou don't have to live next to me  
Just give me my equality  
Everybody knows about Mississippi  
Everybody knows about Alabama  
Everybody knows about Mississippi GoddamThat's it!

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