

# The Big Muddy

Bruce Springsteen

Billy had a mistress down on 'A' an 12th  
She was that little somethin' that he did for himself  
His own little secret didn't hurt nobody  
Come the afternoon he'd take her wadin'

Waist deep in the big muddy  
Waist deep in the big muddy  
You start out standing but end up crawlin'

Got in some trouble and needed a hand from a friend of mine  
This old friend he had a figure in mind  
It was nothing illegal just a little bit funny  
He said "C'mon don't tell me that the rich don't know  
Sooner or later it all comes down to money"

And you're waist deep in the big muddy  
Waist deep in the big muddy  
You start on higher ground but end up crawlin'

Well I had a friend said "You watch what you do  
Poison snake bites you and you're poison too"

How beautiful the river flows and the birds they thing  
But you and I we're messier things  
They're ain't no one leavin' this world buddy  
Without their shirttail dirty  
Or their hands bloody

Waist deep in the big muddy  
Waist deep in the big muddy  
You start on higher ground but end up somehow crawlin'  
Waist deep in the big muddy