

Mississippi

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Starting out of Memphis, highway 61
Traces of the places where the blues began
Sun is blazing, horizon far
Echoes of a national steel guitar

Down in Mississippi (4x)
Where the blues was born

Yazoo river rolling through the land
Cradle of the blues, that delta land
Cottonfields, catfish farms
Steady-rocking rhythm since the dawn of time

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Wade Walton's barbershop, backroom booze
Shave and a haircut, lots of rhythm 'n blues
Greenville juke joint, Saturday night
Get down 'n boogie till the morning-light

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Broken down Chevy on a muddy track
Ten people sharing a two-room shack
Folks so poor, nothing to loose
Get religion or that lowdown blues

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Charly Patton, Fred McDowell, Willie Brown
Son House, Son Thomas, that delta sound
Black man's heart, black man's soul
Bo Diddley, Muddy Waters and Howling Wolf

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Big Joe Williams, Bukka White, Robert Johnson, Jimmy Reed
Sam Chatmon, Ishman Bracy, Tommy Johnson, Skip James
John Lee Hooker, Elmore James, Mississippi John Hurt
Memphis Minnie, Peetie Wheatstraw, Sonny Boy Williamson

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