

In The Mississippi River

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We'll Never Turn Back

Down In Mississippi

Verse 1

As far back as I can remember

I either had a plow or hoe

One of those 'ole nine foot sacs

standing at the old turn row

Down in Mississippi

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Down in Mississippi where I was born

Down in Mississippi where i come from

They had a hunting season on the rabbit

If you shoot em you went to jail

Season was a always open on me

Nobody needed no band

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I remember, I use to walk down that gravel road,

walking with my grandma,

Mississippi sun, beaming down

I went to get some water

My grandma said, young 'un you can't drink that water,

she said you drink from that fountain over there, heha

and that fountain had a sign

said for color only

I was so glad I had my grandma and my papa, a huh, and

I wont leave you out grandpa

My grandpa was so pround of me yall

I went down in forest Mississippi one time na,

didn't know no better, but i intergrated, a

washa terrier,

He was telling everybody, my grandbaby mavis, she went

up to washa terrier, and washed some clothes, and all

the black ladies fallowed her on up in there, I'm proud

of my grandbaby,

I saw many more of those signs as i lived in

mississippi,

I'm so glad I can say that I saw everyone of those

signs, Dr. King saw that everyone of those signs got

taken down, down in Mississippi

Chorus