

# 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