

## Build a Levee

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When I was just a little girl my mamma said to me,  
"beware of the devil my child  
In the dark rocky places he'll keep  
Beware of the devil my child  
Beware of his charming ways  
You'll fall under an evil spell  
Just looking at his beautiful face  
You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside"

"don't go walking by the riverside  
Alone in the pale moonlight  
He'll come up upon you girl  
With no earthy body in sight  
Come up upon you girl  
And he'll whisper something sweet  
Then take you where the waters rise  
So high and run so deep."

"you gotta build yourself a levee deep inside  
Gotta build yourself a levee deep inside  
Build yourself a levee girl when the waters run high"

Now when I was just a little girl my mamma said to me,  
"beware of the devil my child  
But if by chance you should meet  
Beware of his cold dark eyes full of bold and unholy deceit  
He'll tempt you with a whirling pool of lies and promises  
He'll deny or that he will never keep"

"you gotta build yourself a levee deep inside  
Gotta build yourself a levee deep inside  
Build yourself a levee girl when the waters run high"