

# BACKWATER BLUES [in G]

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Intro: /:5/0 5/2 4/0 4/2 →4/3 4/0:/

/:4/0 4/2 3/0 3/2 →3/3 3/0:/

E7 (C7inV) D7 (C7inIII) C7 G-/ G+... D7 (C7inIII)

G -/ G+ ... C C7 C G -/ G+...

When it rains five days and the sky turns dark as night

C C7 C C7 C G-/G+...

When it rains five days and the sky turns dark as night

D7 C#7 C7 C G-/G+..C7 C#7 D7

Then trouble's taking place in the lowlands at night

|: I woke up this mornin', can't even get out of my door :|

There's been enough trouble to make a poor boy wonder where he want to go

|: Then they rowed a little boat about five miles 'cross the pond :|

I packed all my clothes, threwed them in and they rowed me along

|: When it thunders and lightnin' and (when) the wind begins to blow:|

There's thousands of people ain't got no place to go

|: Then I went and stood upon some high old lonesome hill :|

Then looked down on the house were I used to live

|: Backwater blues done call me to pack my things and go :|

'Cause my house fell down and I can't live there no more

|: Mmm, I can't move no more :|

There ain't no place for a poor old boy to go.

Outro: G-/ G+ C7 C#7 D7 G-/ G+ E7 D7 C7 G-/ G+

G - = G6sus G+ = Gadd9