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 Then trouble's takin' place in the  
 lowlands at night

Then they rowed a little boat about  
 five miles 'cross the pond  
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 five miles 'cross the pond  
 I packed all my clothes, throwed  
 them in and they rowed me along

Then I went and stood upon  
 some high old lonesome hill  
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 some high old lonesome hill  
 Then looked down on the house  
 were I used to live

I woke up this mornin', can't even  
 get out of my door  
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 get out of my door  
 There's been enough trouble to make  
 a poor girl wonder where she want to go

When it thunders and lightnin' and  
 when the wind begins to blow  
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 the wind begins to blow  
 There's thousands of people  
 ain't got no place to go

Backwater blues done call me  
 to pack my things and go  
 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  
 Mmm, I can't move no more  
 There ain't no place for  
 a poor old girl to go.