

## **Bob Dylan** **"High Water"**

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High water risin', rising night and day  
All the gold and silver are being stolen away  
Big Joe Turner looking east and west from the dark  
room of his mind  
He made it to Kansas City, Twelfth Street and Vine  
Nothin' standing there, high water everywhere

High water rising the shacks are sliding down  
Folks lose their possessions, the folks are leaving town  
Reformation shook it, broke it, then she hung it on the  
wall  
Say you dancin' with whom they tell you to or you don't  
dance at all  
It's tough out there, high water everywhere

I got a craven love for blazin' speed, I got a hopped up  
Mustang Ford  
Jump into the wagon, love, throw your panties  
overboard  
I can write you poems, make a strong man lose his  
mind  
I'm no pig without a wig, I hope you treat me kind  
Things are breakin' up out there, high water  
everywhere

High water rising, six inches above my head  
Coffins droppin' in the street like balloons made out of  
lead  
Water poured into Vicksburg, don't know what I'm  
gonna do  
"Don't reach out for me" she said, can't you see I'm  
drowning too  
It's rough out there, high water everywhere

Well, George Lewes told the Englishman, the Italian  
and the Jew  
You can't open up your mind, boys, to every  
conceivable point of view  
They got Charles Darwin trapped out there on Highway  
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Judge says to the High Sheriff, "I want them dead or  
alive"

Either one, I don't care, high water everywhere

Well, the cuckoo is a pretty bird, she warbles as she  
flies

I'm preachin' the word of God, I'm puttin' out your eyes  
I asked Fat Nancy for somethin' to eat, she said, "Take  
it off the shelf"

As great as you are man, you'll never be greater than  
yourself

I told her, "I didn't really care" high water everywhere

I get up in the mornin', I believe I'll dust my broom  
Keepin' away from the women, I'm givin' them lots of  
room

Thunder rollin' over Clarksdale, everythin' a-lookin'  
blue

I just can't be happy, love, unless you're happy too  
It's bad out there, high water everywhere

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