

Bob Dylan

"Highwater - For Charlie Patton"

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Highwater 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
Highwater everywhere

Highwater 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 dance with whom they tell you to or you don't
dance at all

It's tough out there

Highwater everywhere

I got a cravin' 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
Highwater everywhere

Highwater rising, six inches above my head

Coffin's dropping in the street like balloons made out

of clay
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
Highwater everywhere

Well, George Lewis 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 him dead or alive

Either one, I don't care

Highwater 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 someth'n' 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

Highwater 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

Highwater everywhere

