

# Bob Dylan

## "Highwater"

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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 dancin' with whom they tell you to or you don't  
dance at all  
It's tough out there  
Highwater 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  
Highwater everywhere

Highwater 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  
Highwater 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  
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

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