

## Clay Crosse "Memphis"

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The Mississippi River, he's a friend of mine  
And the people livin' in this town, they can be so fine  
There's a big line runnin' straight down old Union  
Avenue  
And it breaks that southern lady's heart in two

There's an old black man sittin' out front of a shotgun  
house  
And on the other side of town there's a rich man sittin'  
on a velvet couch  
Nobody forgives what happened thirty years ago  
But we gotta forgive the past and that's for sure

Well, it should be so plain to see  
That it comes down to you and me

And if we all just come together  
And if we all just take a stand  
Oh, we could heal the hurtin' and the broken-hearted  
people  
And everybody understand  
Gotta all just come together, yeah

Ridin' down Beale Street, pop tunes on my radio  
Well, I love this Delta mama, it's all I know  
Well, you know I have a dream about black and white  
and a state of grace  
But it's gonna take more than a dream to fix this place

You know it's hard as it can be  
To turn the tide of history

But if we all just come together  
And if we all just take a stand  
We could heal the hurtin' and the broken-hearted  
people  
Everybody understand

Well, if we all just come together  
If we all just take a stand  
We could heal the hurtin' and the broken-hearted  
people

And everybody understand, yeah

We all went to Sunday school and everybody learned  
the golden rule

I read about the writing on the wall

Learned how Joseph had a nice coat, Noah had a big  
boat

But then they said sweet Jesus loves us all

And I believe

If we all just come together

If we all just take a stand, yeah yeah yeah

Oh, we could heal the hurtin' and the broken-hearted  
people

And everybody understand

Well, if we all just come together

Well, if we all just take a stand

We could heal the hurtin' and the broken-hearted  
people

All across this land

Gotta all just come together, yeah

The Mississippi River, he's a friend of mine

And the people livin' in this town, they can be so fine

Reach out your hand to your brother

Reach out your hand to your sister

Reach out your hand to your brother

Reach out your hand to your sister, sister

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