

## **Bessie Smith**

# **"Muddy Water (A Mississippi Moan)"**

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Dixie moonlight, Swanee shore  
Headed homebound just once more  
To my Mississippi delta home

Southland has that grand garden spot  
Although you believe or not  
I hear those breeze a-whispering  
Come on back to me

Muddy water 'round my feet  
Muddy water in the street  
Just God don't shelter  
Down on the delta

Muddy water in my shoes  
Reeling and rocking to them lowdown blues  
They live in ease and comfort down there  
I do declare

Been away a year today  
To wander and roam  
I don't care, it's muddy there  
But see it's my home

Got my toes turned Dixie way  
'Round the delta, let me lay  
My heart cries out for muddy water

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