

## **Blind Lemon Jefferson "Rising High Water Blues"**

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Backwater rising, Southern peoples can't make no time  
I said, backwater rising, Southern peoples can't make  
no time  
And I can't get no hearing from that Memphis girl of  
mine

Water in Arkansas, people screaming in Tennessee  
Oh, people screaming in Tennessee  
If I don't leave Memphis, backwater spill all over poor  
me

People, since its raining, it has been for nights and  
days  
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Thousands people stands on the hill, looking down  
were they used to stay

Children stand there screaming: mama, we ain't got no  
home  
Oh, mama we ain't got no home  
Papa says to the children, "Backwater left us all alone"

Backwater rising, come in my windows and door  
The backwater rising, come in my windows and door  
I leave with a prayer in my heart, backwater won't rise  
no more

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