

## George Thorogood & The Destroyers

### "I Washed My Hands In Muddy Waters"

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I was born in Macon, Georgia  
Like my dad, in the Macon jail  
He said, Son, if you keep your hands clean  
You won't hear them bloodhounds on your trail

But I fell in with bad companions  
We robbed a man, in Tennessee  
They caught me way up by Nashville  
They locked me up and they threw away the key

Well, I washed my hands in muddy water  
I washed my hands, but they wouldn't come clean  
I tried to do like daddy told me  
But I must've washed my hands in a muddy stream

I asked the jailer, When's my time up  
He said, Son, we won't forget  
But if you try to keep your hands clean  
We might just make a good man of you yet

Oh, but I couldn't wait to serve my sentence  
So I broke out of the Tennessee jail  
I just crossed that line of Georgia  
And I can hear them bloodhounds on my trail

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