

## Hank Snow

# "I Washed My Hands In Muddy Water"

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I was born in Macon Georgia  
They kept my dad in the Macon jail  
Dad 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  
The sheriff caught me way up in Nashville  
They locked me up and threw away the key.

I washed my hands in muddy water  
I washed my hands but they didn't come clean  
I tried to do what daddy told me  
But I must have washed my hands in a muddy stream.

--- Instrumental ---

I asked the jailor I said when's my time up  
He said son you know we won't forget  
And if you try to keep your hands clean  
We may make a good man of you yet.

I couldn't wait to get my timing  
I broke out of that Nashville jail  
I just crossed the line of Georgia  
And I can hear the bloodhounds on my trail.

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I washed my hands but they didn't come clean  
I tried to do what daddy told me  
But I must have washed my hands in a muddy stream...

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