

## Tanya Tucker "Black Water Bayou"

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Growin' up on the Bayou  
Can drive you outta your mind  
Marie was just a youngin'  
When she left the Black Water behind

It all happened one night  
In the back of Jimmy's car  
Jimmy said, "Marie you are so pretty  
Well you oughta be a movie star?"

So she packed up her backwood streams  
Stole her mama's Maybelline  
And took the train to New Orleans  
And swore she was never gonna go, go  
Back to the Black Water Bayou

Mama said, "Child, don't go back on your raisin'  
There ain't no place in the city  
For a pretty little backstreet Cajun  
The long hot nights, will leave you cold  
And there's a devil waitin' on  
Every corner tryin' to buy your soul?"

And with no where to go, and nothin' to eat  
She got a job dancin' down on Bourbon Street  
But the shoes she's wearin' on her feet  
Don't dance like they danced with Jimmy Lebeaux  
Back on the Black Water Bayou

In the heat of the night  
It was the very last show  
She walked onto the stage  
With her heart and her head hung low

She started to cry, cry  
As the curtain rolled  
She found herself lookin'  
In the Black Water eyes of Jimmy Lebeaux

Well he picked up her shattered dreams  
Off that stage in New Orleans  
And said, "Marie, don't you think it's time to go

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