

Mississippi Fred McDowell "Dark Clouds A-Rising"

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Yeah-eay
Lord, Lord, ooh, Lord
Yeah, baby, hey
Lord, oh Lord

I saw a dark cloud a-risin'
Wonder what's gonna 'come of me?
I saw a dark cloud a-risin' baby
I wonder what's gonna 'come a-me-e?
Down in this valley
As lonesome as I can be

Next time I start out to hoboin'
With my baby by my side, right here
Next time I start the hoboin'
I'm 'onna have my baby by my side

Yon' box car is bumpin'
It's jarrin' at my brains
Yon' box car is bumpin', baby
And Lord, be jarrin' my brains
I might get up in the mo'nin
I might catch a passenger train

Yeah, don't come here runnin'
Baby, a-screamin' an cryin'
Don't ya come here runnin'
Honey, screamin' an cryin'

Don't come here runnin'
Baby, screamin' an cryin'
Now, you got a home, darlin'
Long as I've got mine

I'm goin' by the pawn shop
'On put my watch in pawn
I'm goin' by the pawn shop
I'm-a put my watch in pawn, on my own
No more, nobody tell me
How long my baby's been gone

(guitar)

I'm washin' my jumper, darlin'
Starch my *overhaults
Hey, wash my jumper, baby
Starch my overhaults
I might get up in the mo'nin
I'm 'on catch that Cannonball

Hey, hey-ey
It's bye-bye, bye-bye, baby
Hey-ey
And bye-bye, bye, bye, baby

I'm goin' away, babe
But I won't be gone for long.

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*Many regions pronounce these denim one
Piece workmen outfits as 'overhaults' (real men!)
Some say, 'overalls').

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