

## Nanci Griffith "Wasn't That A Mighty Storm"

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(Traditional)

Chorus

Wasn't that a mighty storm  
Wasn't that a mighty storm in the morning, well  
Wasn't that a mighty storm  
That blew all the people away

You know the year of 1900  
Children, many years ago  
Death cakme howling on the ocean  
Death calls, you got to go  
Now Galveston had a seawall  
To keep the water down, and a  
High tide from the coean  
Spread the water over the town

Chorus

You know the trumpets gave them waring  
You'd better leave this place  
Now, no one thoght of leaving  
'Til death stared them in the face  
And the trains they all were loaded  
The people were all leaving town  
The trestle gave way to the water  
And the trains they went on down

Chorus

Rain it was a' falling  
Thunder began to roll  
Lightning flashed like hell fire  
The wind began to blow  
Death the cruel master  
When the wind to blow  
Rode in on a team of horses  
I cried, "Death, won't you let me go"

Chorus

Hey, now trees fell on the island

And the houses give way  
Some they strained and drowned  
Some died in most every way  
And the sea began to rolling  
And the ships they could not stand  
And I heard a captain crying  
"God save a drowning man"

Chorus

Death your hands are clammy  
You got them on my knee  
You come and took my mother  
Won't you come back after me  
And the flood it took my neighbor  
Took my brother too  
I thought I heard my father calling  
And I watched my mother go

Chorus

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Chorus (Twice)

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