

## **Natalie Merchant**

### **"Build A Levee"**

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When I was just a little girl  
My mama said to me  
Beware of the devil my child

In the dark rocky places he'll keep  
Beware of the devil my child  
Beware of his charming ways

You'll fall under an evil spell  
Just looking at his beautiful face  
You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside

Don't go walking by the riverside  
Alone in the pale moonlight  
He'll come upon you girl  
With no earthy body in sight

Come up upon you girl  
And he'll whisper something sweet, then take you  
Where the waters rise so high and run so deep

You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside  
Gotta build yourself a levee deep inside  
Build yourself a levee girl  
When the waters run high

Now when I was just a little girl  
My mama said to me  
Beware of the devil my child

But if by chance you should meet  
Beware of his cold dark eyes  
Full of bold and unholy deceit

He'll tempt you with a whirling pool of lies  
And promises he'll deny  
Or that he'll never keep

You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside  
Build yourself a levee deep inside  
You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside  
Build yourself a levee girl when the waters run high

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