

Steve Winwood

"I Washed My Hands in Muddy Water"

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I was born in macon, georgia, met my dad in a macon
jail

He said, "son, if you keep your hands clean
You won't have them bloodhounds on your trail"

I fell in with bad companions, robbed a man in
tennessee
Sheriff caught me way up in nashville
And they locked me up and they threw away the key

Refrain:

I washed my hands in muddy water
I washed my hands but they didn't come clean
Tried to do what my daddy told me
But I must have washed my hands in a muddy stream
I asked the jailer when my time's up, he said, "son, we
won't forget
If you try to keep your hands clean
We may make a good man of you yet."

I couldn't wait to do my sentence, I broke out of the
nashville jail
I just crossed the line of georgia
And I can hear those bloodhounds on my trail

Refrain (2 times)

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