

Key: E

Genre: Blues

Harp Type: Chromatic

Skill: Any

## Backwater Blues

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Bessie Smith, Leadbelly

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-8 -8 10 -9 -8

When it rained five days

A7 E

7 7\* -8 -7 7 6 6

And the skies turned dark as night.

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7 7\* -8 -7 7 6 6 -4



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And the skies turned dark as night.

B7

-7 -7\* -8 -8 -8 -8 7 6

There was trou-ble tak-ing place

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7 7 7-6\* 6 6 6

In the low-lands at night.

I woke up in the morning,

Wouldn't even get out of my door. 2x

Enough trouble to make a poor girl

Wonder where she gonna go.

They rowed a little boat,

About five miles across the farm 2x

I packed up all my clothing,

Threwed it in and they rowed me along.

It thundered and it lightened,

And the winds began to blow. 2x

There was a thousand women,

Didn't have no place to go.

I went out to the lonesome,

High old lonesome hill 2x



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I looked down on the old house,  
Where I used to live.

Backwater blues have caused me to  
Pack up my things and go. 2x  
Cause my house fell down  
And I can't live there no more.

Mmm, I can't live there no more 2x  
And there ain't no place  
For a poor old girl to go.

## Lyrics



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