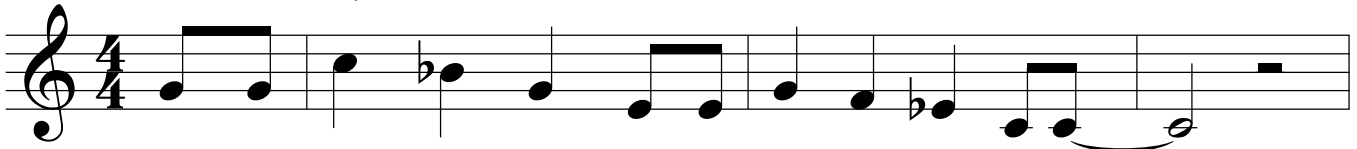


BACKWATER BLUES

Bessie Smith (1927), arr. M. Ryan Taylor

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When it rains five days and the sky turns dark as night, ___
When I woke this mornin' could-n't even get out my door, ___
Then they rowed a little boat 'boat five miles a - cross the pond. ___
Back-water blues done called me to pack my things and go. _____

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When it rains five days and the sky turns dark as night,
When I woke this mornin' could - n't even get out my door,
Then they rowed a little boat 'bout five miles a - crow the pond
Back - water blues done called me to pack my things and go. —

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There's troub - le ta - kin' place _____
There's troub - le 'nough a - round, make a
I packed up all my clothes, throwed 'em
Cause my house ___ fell ___ down and I

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in the low - lands _____ at night. _____
poor girl won - der where to go. _____
in and they rowed me a - long. _____
can't ___ live there _____ no more. _____