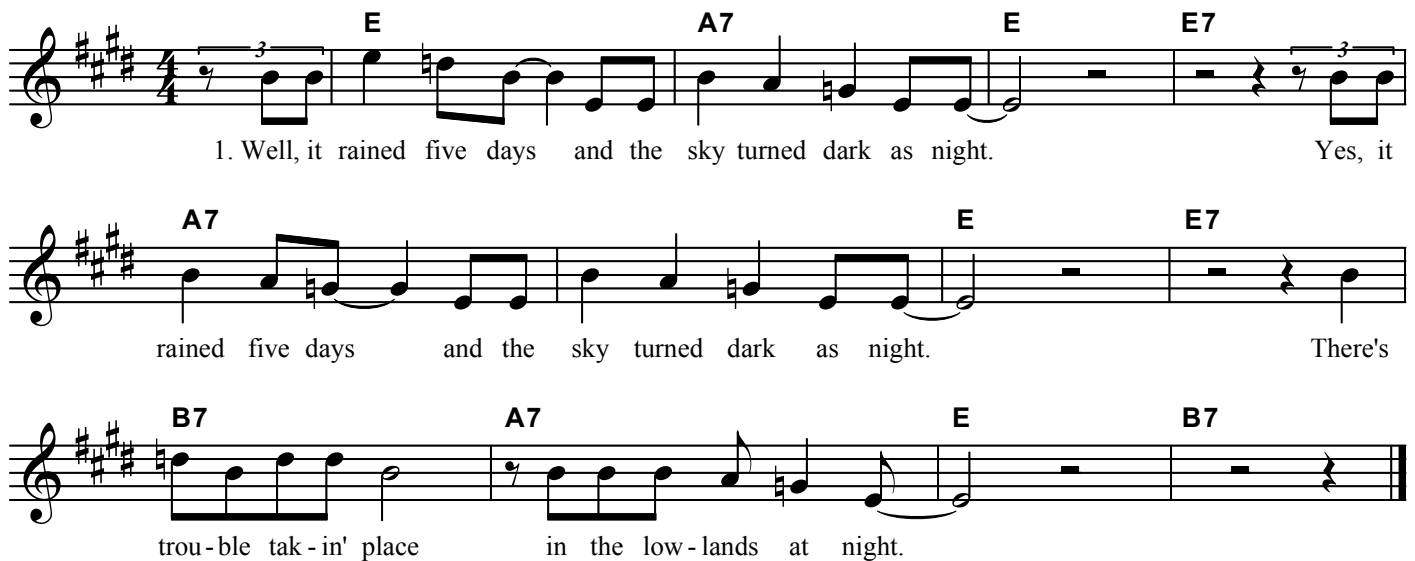


Backwater Blues

USA 1927

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1. Well, it rained five days and the sky turned dark as night. Yes, it
rained five days and the sky turned dark as night. There's
trou-ble tak-in' place in the low-lands at night.

2. I woke up one morning, couldn't even get out of my door.
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There was enough trouble to make a poor boy wonder where to go.
3. They rowed a little boat about five miles 'cross the pond.
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I packed all my things, threwed 'em in, and they rowed me along.
4. When it thunders and lightnings, and the wind begins to blow,
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there're thousands of poor people ain't got no place to go.
5. Backwater blues done caused me pack my things and go,
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cause my house fell down and I can't live there no more.