

**Backwater Blues**  
**Patty Griffin**

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Standard Tuning  
Capo IV

**E7:** 020130  
**A7:** X02020  
**B7:** X21202

She plays a little riff with E7 and A7:

**E7**

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-----0--0--0--0--|
-----3--3--2--0--|
-----1--1--1--1--|
-----2--2--2--2--|
-----2--2--2--2--|
--0-----|
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**A7**

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-----2--2--0--0--|
-----0--0--0--3--|
-----0--0--0--0--|
-----2--2--2--2--|
--0-----|
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**E7**

**A7**

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**B7**

**A7**

**E7**

There s some trouble taking place in the lowlands at night

I woke up this morning, couldn t even get out of my door  
Woke up this morning, couldn t even get out of my door  
Sometimes there s so much trouble, a poor girl don t know where to go

They rowed a little boat about five miles across the farm  
They rowed a little boat about five miles across the farm  
I packed up all my clothes and they rowed me right along

It thunders and lightnings and the wind begins to blow  
It thunders and lightnings and the wind begins to blow  
There s about a thousand people there, and they ain t got nowhere to go

I went up and stood on a high and lonesome hill  
I went up and stood on a high and lonesome hill  
I looked down below me on the house I used to live

That s how the blues done caused me to pack up my things and go  
Blues done caused me to pack up my things and go  
My poor house is gone, I can t live there no more  
My poor house is gone, I can t live there no more  
My poor house is gone, I can t live there no more