

The Week The River Raged
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Bb **Eb**
The River ran through Howard County, it was the life blood of the land
Bb **F**
It made fields of green tobacco, aching backs and callused hands
Bb **Eb**
Mama talked of a coming battle that the womenfolk had to fight
F **Eb** **F**
Bb
Cause the good Lord owned the daytime, but the Devil seemed to own the night

Bb **Eb**
Well it came up out of nowhere, from a dark and bitter seed
Bb **F**
It was the roughest kind of roadhouse and a most unwanted weed
Bb **Eb**
It drew the menfolk like a magnet, the women knew what they had to do
F **Eb** **F** **Bb**
So they put it in the hands of Jesus, cause they knew that he d come through

Bb
And the rains came and the river swelled
F **Bb**
And the more they prayed the more it fell
Bb **F**
When the levies broke everybody saw the awesome power of God
Bb **F** **Bb**
Then the clouds rolled back and the rainbow came to bring a brighter day

Bb **F** **Bb**
Cause when the flood hit Howard County, all the sins were washed away

Bb **Eb**
Now the mothers tell the story, of the week that the river raged

Bb **F**
It s a passing of the wisdom to the ears of a tender age

Bb **Eb**
Better walk the straight and narrow, better keep a watchful eye
F **Eb**

F **Bb**
Cause there s a symbol of the wrath of heaven in every dark cloud in
the sky

Bb
Cause the rains came and the river swelled
F **Bb**

And the more they prayed the more it fell
Bb **F**

When the levies broke everybody saw the awesome power of God
Bb **F** **Bb**
Then the clouds rolled back and the rainbow came to bring a brighter day

Bb **F** **Bb**
Cause when the flood hit Howard County, all the sins were washed away

Bb **F** **Bb**
Then the clouds rolled back and the rainbow came to bring a brighter day

Bb **F** **Bb**
Cause when the flood hit Howard County, all the sins were washed away

Bb **F** **Bb**
Yes, when the flood hit Howard County, all the sins were washed away