Black Waters

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Verse 1:

[A] I come from the mountains, Ken [E7] tucky's my [A] home Where the wild deer and black bear so [E7] lately did [A] roam By the [D] cool rushing waterfall the [A] wildflowers dream And through every green valley, there [E7] runs a clear stream Now there's [A] scenes of destruction [D] on every hand And [A] only black waters run [E7] down through my [A] land

Chorus:

[D] Sad scenes of destruction [A] on every hand

[A] Black waters, black waters, run [E7] down through my [A] land

Verse 2:

[A] Well, the quail, she's a pretty bird and she [E7] sings a sweet [A] tongue In the roots of tall timber she [E7] nests with her [A] young But the [D] hillside explodes with the [A] dynamite's roar And the voice of the small bird will [E7] sound there no more And the [A] mountain comes a sliding so [D] awful and grand And the [A] flooding black waters rise [E7] over my [A] land

[D] Sad scenes of destruction [A] on every hand

[A] Black waters, black waters, run [E7] down through my [A] land

Verse 3:

[A] In the coming of springtime we [E7] planted our [A] corn In the ending of springtime we [E7] buried a [A] son In the [D] summer come a nice man saying everything's [A] fine My employer just requires a [E7] way to his mine Then they [A] tore down my mountain and [D] covered my corn Now the [A] grave on the hillside 's a [E7] mile deeper down And the [A] man stands and talks with his [D] hat in his hand

As the [A] poisonous water spreads [E7] over my [A] land

[D] Sad scenes of destruction [A] on every hand

[A] Black waters, black waters, run [E7] down through my [A] land

Verse 4:

[A] Well I ain't got no money, not [E7] much of a [A] home I own my own land, but my [E7] land's not my [A] own But, if [D] I had ten million, some [A] wheres thereabout Well, I'd buy Perry county and [E7] throw them all out! Set [A] down on the bank with my [D] bait in my can And just [A] watch the clear waters run [E7] down through my [A] land

Chorus 2:

Well, [D] wouldn't that be just like the [A] old promised land? Black [A] waters, black waters no [E7] more in my [A] land Black[A] waters, black waters no [E7] more in my [A] land