**My Second Mind**

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*“If I had’a followed*

*my first mind*

*I’d a been gone*

*since my second time.”*

--Chester Arthur Burnett

I built a house by the river side

I and I and the search for I

Stand watching that river rise

This whole town got the wobbles

Get the kids back safe alive

I built a house by the river side

Heavy weather come threaten I

This country dumb with guns

Stand watching that river rise

My first mind should be dead by now

Scramble up the walls sedition eyed

I built a house by the river side

My first mind requires sedation

Use the word calamity in a sentence

Stand watching that river rise

*Again and again* the *situation*

I and the river I and I

Built a house on the river I

Stand watching that river rise.