

# Mississippi

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Starting out of Memphis, highway 61  
Traces of the places where the blues began  
Sun is blazing, horizon far  
Echoes of a national steel guitar

Down in Mississippi (4x)  
Where the blues was born

Yazoo river rolling through the land  
Cradle of the blues, that delta land  
Cottonfields, catfish farms  
Steady-rocking rhythm since the dawn of time

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Wade Walton's barbershop, backroom booze  
Shave and a haircut, lots of rhythm 'n blues  
Greenville juke joint, Saturday night  
Get down 'n boogie till the morning-light

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Broken down Chevy on a muddy track  
Ten people sharing a two-room shack  
Folks so poor, nothing to loose  
Get religion or that lowdown blues

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Charly Patton, Fred McDowell, Willie Brown  
Son House, Son Thomas, that delta sound  
Black man's heart, black man's soul  
Bo Diddley, Muddy Waters and Howling Wolf

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Big Joe Williams, Bukka White, Robert Johnson, Jimmy Reed  
Sam Chatmon, Ishman Bracy, Tommy Johnson, Skip James  
John Lee Hooker, Elmore James, Mississippi John Hurt  
Memphis Minnie, Peetie Wheatstraw, Sonny Boy Williamson

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