

Down In Mississippi

Mavis Staples

As far back as I can remember
I either had a plow or hoe
One of those 'ole nine foot sacs
Standing at the old turn row

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They had a hunting season on the rabbit
If you shoot em you went to jail
Season was a always open on me
Nobody needed no band

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I remember, I use to walk down that gravel road, walking with my grandma,
Mississippi sun, beaming down
I went to get some water

My grandma said, young 'un you can't drink that water,
She said you drink from that fountain over there, heha
And that fountain had a sign
Said for color only
I was so glad I had my grandma and my papa, a huh,
And I wont leave you out grandpa
My grandpa was so proud of me y'all
I went down in forest Mississippi one time na,
Didn't know no better, but I integrated,
Awasha terrier,
He was telling everybody, my grandbaby mavis,
She went up to washa terrier, and washed some clothes,
And all the black ladies fallowed her on up in there,
I'm proud of my grand baby,
I saw many more of those signs as I lived in Mississippi,
I'm so glad I can say that I saw everyone of those signs,
Dr. King saw that everyone of those signs got taken down,
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