

The Castellows, Hurricane

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Bridges gettin' lower, the shrimp boats coming home
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Takes a sip from his whiskey bottle and this is what he said
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Underneath the Louisiana moon
I don't mind the strain of a hurricane, it comes around every June
The high black water, the devil's daughter
She's hard, and she's cold and she's mean
But nobody taught her, it takes a lot of water
To wash away New Orleans
A man came down from Chicago, he's gonna set that levee right
He said, "It needs to be at least three feet higher
Or it won't make it through the night"
But the old man down in the Quarter
Said, "Don't you listen to that boy
The water'll be down by the morning, and he'll be back to Illinois"
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