Bill Monroe, Muddy Water

Mary grab the baby river's rising Muddy water's taking back the land Well this old house it won't take one more beating Ain't no use to stay and make a stand.

The morning light showed water in the valley Daddy's grave just went below the line Things to save you just can't take them with you The flood will swallow all we leave behind.

I won't be back to start all over 'Cause what I felt before is gone Mary grab the baby river's rising Muddy water's taking back our home.

Now the road is gone there's just one way to leave here. I'll turn my back on what I've left below Shifting land and broken farms around me Muddy water's changing all I know.

It's hard to say just what I'm losing
Ain't never been so all alone
Mary grab the baby river's rising
Muddy water's taking back my home.
Well muddy water's taking back my home.