

I Washed My Hands in Muddy Water

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4/4 time: 1, 2, 1 2 3 4 **Intro:** [G] [D] [G] [G↓]

[NC] I was [G] born, in Macon [D] Georgia
They kept my [D] Dad, in the Macon [G] jail
Daddy said [G7] "Son... if you keep your [C] hands clean [Cm]
[G] You won't hear them [D7] bloodhounds on your [G] trail [G↓]

[NC] But I fell [G] in (Woo-oo) with bad com-[D]-panions. (Woo-oo)
We robbed a [D] man, (Woo-oo) in Tenne-[G]-ssee (Woo-oo)
The sheriff [G7] caught me (Woo-oo) way up in [C] Nashville [Cm] (ooooo)
They [G] locked me up and [D7] threw away the [G] key [G↓]

[NC] I washed my [G] hands... in muddy [D] water
Washed my [D] hands... but they didn't come [G] clean
Tried to [G7] doo... like Daddy [C] told me [Cm]
But I [G] must have washed my [D] hands in a muddy [G] stream [G]

Instrumental Chorus:

I washed my [G] hands... in muddy [D] water
Washed my [D] hands... but they didn't come [G] clean
Tried to [G7] doo... like Daddy [C] told me [Cm]
But I [G] must have washed my [D] hands in a muddy [G] stream [G↓]

[NC] I asked the [G] jailor (asked the jailor) "When's my [D] time up?" (when's my time up)
He said [D] Son, (He said son) we won't for-[G]-get (We won't forget)
And if you [G] try, (If you try), [G7] to keep your [C] hands clean [Cm] (hands clean)
[G] We may make a [D7] good man of you [G] yet [G↓]

[NC] I couldn't [G] wait, (Woo-oo) to serve my [D] sentence (Woo-oo)
I broke [D] out, (Woo-oo) of the Nashville [G] jail (Woo-oo)
I just [G] crossed, [G7] _ the line of [C] Georgia [Cm]
And [G] I can hear them [D7] bloodhounds on my [G] trail [G↓]

Chorus: A capella (Clap-a-pella)

I washed my hands, (washed my hands), in muddy water (muddy water)
Washed my hands (washed my hands), but they didn't come clean (didn't come clean)
Tried to doo (Tried to doo), like Daddy told me, oooo
But I must have washed my hands in a muddy stream

[G↓] [NC] I washed my [G] hands... in muddy [D] water
Washed my [D] hands... but they didn't come [G] clean
Tried to [G7] doo... like Daddy [C] told me [Cm] oooo
But I [G] must have washed my [D] hands in a muddy [G] stream [G]
Yes, I [G] must have washed my [D] hands in a muddy [G] stream [G↓][D↓][G↓]

