

Down in Mississippi

Mavis Staples

Verse 1

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(Chorus)
Down in Mississippi
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Down in Mississippi where I was born
Down in Mississippi where i come from

Verse 2

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 bandChorusVerse 3

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 colored 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 pround of me yall

I went down in forest Mississippi one time na,
didn't know no better, but i intergrated, a
washeteria

He was telling everybody, my grandbaby mavis, she went up to washeteria and washed some
clothes, and all the black ladies followed her on up in there, I'm proud of my grandbaby,

I saw many more of those signs as I lived in Mississippi,

I'm so glad I can say that I saw every one of those signs, Dr. King saw that every one of those
signs was taken down, down in MississippiChorus

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