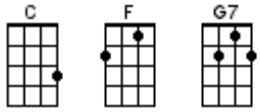
I Washed My Hands in Muddy Water v1

Joe Babcock, 1965



INTRO: [C] [C]

I was **[C]** born **[C]** in Macon **[G7]** Georgia
[G7] they put my **[G7]** dad **[G7]** in the Macon **[C]** jail
[C] dad said **[C]** "hon/hun" **[C]** if you keep your **[F]** hands clean **[F]**
[C] you won't hear them **[G7]** bloodhounds on your **[C]** trail

[C] but I fell **[C]** in **[C]** with bad com**[G7]-**panions
[G7] we robbed a **[G7]** man **[G7]** in Tennes **[C]-**see
[C] they caught **[C]** me **[C]** way up in **[F]** Nashville
[F] they **[C]** locked me up and **[G7]** threw away the **[C]** key

Chorus: [C] I washed my **[C]** hands **[C]** in muddy **[G7]** water
[G7] I washed my **[G7]** hands **[G7]** but they didn't come **[C]** clean
[C] I tried to **[C]** do **[C]** like my daddy **[F]** told me **[F]**
but I **[C]** must have washed my **[G7]** hands in a muddy **[C]** stream

[C] I asked my **[C]** judge **[C]** so when 's my **[G7]** time up
[G7] he said **[G7]** girl, **[G7]** we won't for**[C]**-get
[C] and if you **[C]** try **[C]** just keep your **[F]** hands clean
[F] [C] we may make a **[G7]** good girl of you **[C]** yet

Chorus: [C] I washed my **[C]** hands **[C]** in muddy **[G7]** water
[G7] I washed my **[G7]** hands **[G7]** but they didn't come **[C]** clean
[C] I tried to **[C]** do **[C]** like my daddy **[F]** told me **[F]**
but I **[C]** must have washed my **[G7]** hands in a muddy **[C]** stream

[C] I couldn't **[C]** wait **[C]** to do my **[G7]** sentence
[G7] I broke **[G7]** out **[G7]** of the Nashville **[C]** jail
[C] I just **[C]** crossed **[C]** the state line of **[F]** Georgia
[F] and **[C]** I can hear, them **[G7]** bloodhounds on my **[C]** trail

Chorus: [C] I washed my **[C]** hands **[C]** in muddy **[G7]** water
[G7] I washed my **[G7]** hands **[G7]** but they didn't come **[C]** clean
[C] I tried to **[C]** do **[C]** like my daddy **[F]** told me **[F]**
but I **[C]** must have washed my **[G7]** hands in a muddy **[C]** stream **[C]**

<slow> Yes, I **[C]** must have washed my
[G7] hands in a muddy **[C]** stream **[C↓] [G7↓] [C↓]**