

Blackwater Blues

Words & Music by Bessie Smith

Standard tuning

♩ = 78

(♩ = $\overset{\text{r-3-7}}{\text{♩}} \text{♩}$)

S-Gt

When it rained five days and the skies turned dark as night -

f

T
A
B

// When it rained five days and the skies turned dark as night - // and trou -

mf *f*

T
A
B

bles takin' place & You know e - very - thing ain't right // (I) woke up (x6)

let ring let ring

T
A
B

this mor - ning, wouldn't e - ven get out my door - - // Woke up

T
A
B

this mor - ning, wouldn't e - ven get out my door - - // and trou -

mf *f*

T
A
B

bles takin' place & You Know e - very - thing ain't right // (1) woke up (x6)

1. 22

let ring let ring

T
A
B

& there ain't no place for a poor old girl to go

2. 26

T
A
B