

Hurricane

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Thirty miles on the Gulf Stream
I hear the south wind moan
The bridges getting lower
The shrimp boats coming home

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Slowly turns his head
Takes a sip from his whiskey bottle
And this is what he said

I was born in the rain on the Pontchartrain
Underneath the Louisiana moon
I don't mind the strain of a hurricane
They come around every June
The high black water, a devil's daughter
She's hard, she's cold and she's mean
But nobody taught her, it takes a lot of water
To wash away New Orleans

Man came down from Chicago
He's gonna set that levee right
He says, "it needs to be at least three feet higher
It won't make it through the night"

But the old man down in the Quarter
He said "don't you listen to that boy
The water be down by the morning
And you'll be back to Illinois"

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