

The Flood

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I inherited this plot of land when Mama's daddy died
This little surveyed piece of Earth is where I spent my life
Rainwater is to cornfields like whiskey is to men
Just have enough to keep you standing
Too much will do you in

These rainclouds settled in one early Winter night
The grey of Winter dark is choking out all the sunlight
The little sandy river, she's drowning in her tears
With her, she'll take my good dirt
And a hundred head of steer

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For forty days, forty nights
You hear Noah built the Ark
And that he rode upon the tide
Lord, I've got no boat
I've run out of time
Nothing left to live for
And the last of my kind

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That muddy water's rising
I can barely see the fence
Lord, it rolls my way like a slow train
Loaded down with death
Son, you can have your share
If she leaves anything behind
Don't bother dragging the river boys
This note is all you'll find

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