

# I WASHED MY HANDS IN MUDDY WATER [G] (Joe Babcock / Stonewall Jackson – 1965)

INTRO: G///, G7///, C///, Cm///, G///, D7///, G///, G↓

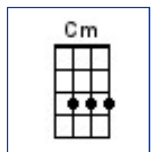
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4/4 Time

[Ladies sing overlay's/echo's in Blue]

1. I was [G] born, in Macon [D] Georgia, they kept my Dad, in the Macon [G] jail  
Daddy said [G] "Son... [G7] if you keep your [C] hands clean [Cm]  
[G] You won't hear them [D7] bloodhounds on your [G] trail"

2. [G] But I fell in, (Woo-oo) with bad com-[D] panions, (Woo-oo)  
We robbed a man, (Woo-oo) in Tenne-[G] ssee (Woo-oo)  
The sheriff caught [G] me.... [G7] way up in [C] Nashville [Cm]  
(Wooo - oooooo ----- oooooo ----- (ooooo)  
They [G] locked me up... and [D7] threw away the [G///] key [G]↓



CHORUS: I washed my [G] hands... in muddy [D] water  
Washed my hands... but they didn't come [G] clean  
Tried to [G] do... [G7] like Daddy [C] told me [Cm]  
But I [G] must have washed my [D7] hands in a muddy [G] stream [G]↓

## INSTRUMENTAL: PLAY THROUGH THE CHORUS

3. I asked the [G] jailor, (asked the jailor) "When's my [D] times up" (when's my times up)  
He said "Son, (He said son) we won't for-[G] get (We won't forget)  
And if you [G] try, (If you [G7] try) to keep your [C] hands clean [Cm] (Keep your  
[G] We may make a [D7] good man of you [G] yet" hand's clean)

4. I couldn't [G] wait, (Woo-oo) to serve my [D] sentence (Woo-oo)  
I broke out, (Woo-oo) of the Nashville [G] jail (Woo-oo)  
I just [G] crossed, [G7] the line of [C] Georgia [Cm]  
(Aaaah --- aaaaah ----- aaaaah ---- aaaaah)  
And [G] I can hear them [D7] bloodhounds on my [G] trail [G]↓

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But I [G] must have washed my [D7] hands in a muddy [G] stream

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But I [G] must have washed my [D7] hands in a muddy [G] stream  
Yes, tried to [G] do... [G7] like Daddy [C] told me [Cm]  
But I [G] must have washed my [D7] hands in a muddy [G] stream [G] [F# - G]

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