

WATER STILL AIN'T GOT ME YET

There is a traditional version of this song. You can hear Rhiannon Giddens perform it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExVPmwAmGkY&list=RDExVPmwAmGkY&start_radio=1. And then Dirk Powell came along, and penned this extraordinary song of the same title – similar in some respects. I was so impressed with Powell's version that I emailed him requesting permission to publish his song here, and he answered me right back, graciously giving his permission, and adding that he wouldn't mind playing Houston some time. So here it is. You can hear a beautifully arranged version by him at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MAMu3LHIYA>. I have transcribed it in the key of C for easier playing and singing. To play along with the recording, Capo IV.

WATERBOUND

By Dirk Powell

Am **C**
I went out late one night
C **F**
The moon and stars were shining bright
F **G** **C**
Storm come up and the trees come down
C **G** **Am**
Tell you boys I was waterbound

Waterbound on a stranger's shore
River rising to my door
Carried my home to the field below
Waterbound nowhere to go

Carved my name on an old barn wall
No one'd know I was there at all
Stables dry on a winter night
You turn your head you could see the light

Black cat crawling on an old box car
Rusty door and a falling star
Ain't got a dime in my rations sack
Waterbound and I can't get back

Yes, I'm gone and I won't be back
Don't believe me count my tracks
River's long and the river's wide
I'll meet you boys on the other side

So say my name and don't forget
Water still ain't got me yet
Nothing but I'm bound to roam
Waterbound and I can't get home