**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> or on the Audio Archive page of the HFMS website at <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html> 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

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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