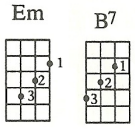

HESITATION BLUES/
IF THE RIVER WAS WHISKEY -CHARLIE POOLE, 1930 WC Handy, 1915, et al

Em B7 Em B7
1 If the river was whiskey and I was a duck
Em B7 G G7
I'd dive to the bottom and I'd never come up

C G
chorus Oh, tell me how long do I have to wait?
D GG CC GG D7
Oh, can I get you now, or must I hesitate?

Em B7 Em B7
2 If the river was whiskey and the branch was wine
Em B7 G G7
You would see me in bathing just any old time
(chorus)

3 I was born in England, raised in France
Ordered a suit of clothes but they didn't send the pants
(chorus)

4 I was born in Alabama, I was raised in Tennessee
If you don't like my peaches, don't shake on my tree
(chorus)

5 I looked down the road just as far as I could see
A man had my woman and the blues had me
(chorus)

6 I ain't no doctor but the doctor's son
I can do the doct'rin' till the doctor comes
(chorus)

7 Got the hesitation stockings, the hesitation shoes
Believe to my Lord I got the hesitation blues
(chorus)

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