

Build A Levee – Natalie Merchant

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Key: Am

[Intro]

Am

[Verse 1]

Am C
When I was just a little girl

G Am
My mamma said to me

C G
Beware of the devil my child

G Am
In the dark rocky places he'll keep

C G
Beware of the devil my child

G Am
Beware of his charming ways

Am C
You'll fall under an evil spell

G Am
Just looking at his beautiful face

[Bridge]

Dm E Am
You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside

Dm E Am
You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside

[Verse 2]

Am C
Don't go walking by the riverside

G Am
Alone in the pale moonlight

C G
He'll come up upon you girl

G Am
With no earthy body in sight

C G
Come up upon you girl

G Am
And he'll whisper something sweet

Am C
Then take you where the waters rise

G Am
So high and run so deep

[Chorus]

Dm E Am
You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside

Dm E Am
Gotta build yourself a levee deep inside

Dm E7 E7 E7
Build yourself a levee girl

[n.c.] Am
[pause] when the waters run high

Am Am Am

[Verse 3]

Am C
Now when I was just a little girl

G Am
My mamma said to me

C G
Beware of the devil my child

G Am
But if by chance you should meet

C G
Beware of his cold dark eyes

G Am
full of bold and unholy deceit

Am C
He'll tempt you with a whirling pool of

G (down strokes for 2 measures)
lies and promises He'll deny

G (this line for 2 measures ending with an Am) Am
• • • that he will never keep

Am

[Chorus]

Dm E Am
You gotta build yourself a levee deep inside

Dm E Am
Build yourself a levee girl deep inside

Dm E Am
Better build yourself a levee deep inside

Dm E E E
Build yourself a levee girl

[n.c.]
[pause] when the waters run high

[Ending] [fade]

Am Am Am Am Am