Swamp Witch Blackwater Hattie Jim Stafford 10-20-2018
EZ VERSION

We’ll just do this steady progression the whole song
/D      Am      /G  F D
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
D   D   D   D   U   U D

[D]Black water Hattie lived [Am]back in the swamp
Where the [G]strange green reptiles [F]crawl.
[D]Snakes hang thick from the [Am]cypress trees

Where the [D]swamp is alive with a [Am]thousand eyes
An [G]all of them [F]watching [D]you
Stay [D]off the track to [Am]Hattie’s Shack
In the [G]back of the [F]Black Ba[D]you

/D      Am      /G  F D (X2)

[D]Way up the road from [Am]Hattie’s Shack
[D]Talk of swamp witch [Am]Hattie lock you
[G]In when the [F]sun go [D]down

[D]Rumors of what she'd [Am]done,
Kept [D]folks off the track of [Am]Hattie's shack
In the [G]back of the [F]Black Ba[D]you

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One [D]day brought the rain and the [Am]rain stayed on
And the [G]swamp water [F]over[D]flowed
[D]Skeeters and the fever grabbed the [Am]town like a fist
Doc [G]Jackson was the [F]first to [D]go

[D]Some say the plague was-a [Am]brought by Hattie,
there was [G]talk of a [F]hangin' [D]too
But the [D]talk got shackled by the [Am]howls and the cackles
From the [G]bowels of the [F]Black Ba[D]you

/D      Am      /G  F D (X2)
Early one morn 'tween dark and dawn
When shadows filled the sky
There came an unseen caller
On a town where hope run dry

In the square there was found a big black round,
Vat full of gurgling brew
Whispering sounds as the folk gathered round
It came from the Black Ba[D]you

There ain't much pride when you're trapped inside
A slowly sinkin' ship
Scooped up the liquid deep and green
And the whole town took a sip

Fever went away and the very next day
the skies again were blue
Let's thank old Hattie for savin' our town
Well fetch her from the Black Ba[D]you

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