

I WAS BORN ABOUT TEN THOUSAND YEARS AGO (TRADITIONAL, RECORDED 1925)

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I was born about ten thousand years ago

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And there's nothing in this world that I don't know

G **D**
I saw Peter, Paul, and Moses playing ring around the roses

A **D**
And I'll lick the guy that say it isn't so

**I saw Satan when he looked the garden o'er
I saw Eve and Adam driven from the door
And behind the bushes peepin', saw the apple they were eatin'
And I swear that I'm the guy that ate the core**

**I saw Jonah when he was within the whale
And thought he'd never live to tell the tale
But old Jonah'd eaten garlic, and he gave the whale the colic
So he coughed him up and let him out of jail**

**I saw Israel in the battle of the Nile
The arrows were flying thick and fast and wild
I saw David with his sling, pop Goliath on the wing
I was doing forty seconds to the mile**

**I saw Sampson when he laid the village cold
Saw Daniel tame the lions in their hold
I helped build the Tower of Babel up as high as they were able
And there's many other things I haven't told**

**I taught Solomon his little A-B-C's
I helped Brigham Young to make limburger cheese
And while sailing down the bay with Methuselah one day
I saved his flowing whiskers from the breeze**

**I remember when the country had a king
I saw Cleopatra pawn her wedding ring
And I saw the flags a'flyin' when George Washington stopped lyin'
On the night when Patty first begin to sing**

**I was born ten thousand years ago
And there's nothing in this world that I don't know
I saw Peter, Paul and Moses playing ring-around-the-roses
And I can lick the guy that says it isn't so**