

It Ain't Necessarily So

Standard Key

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It ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. Da-vid was small, but oh my. Little Da-vid was small, but oh my. He

things that you're lia-ble to read in the Bi-ble, it ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly fought big Go-li-ath who lay down and di-eth. Little Da-vid was small, but oh

so. Little my.

Yes

Jo-nah, he lived in the whale. Oh Jo-nah, he lived in the whale. For Mo-ses was found in a stream. Little Mo-ses was found in a stream. He

he made his home in that fish-'s ab-do-men. Oh Jo-nah, he lived in the float-ed on wa-ter, 'til old Pharaoh's daughter, she fished him, she says, from that

whale. Little stream.

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37 **GMI C GMI C GMI C GMI**
 ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. It ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. They

41 **C⁷ D^{b7} C⁷ D^{b7} A⁷ D⁷ GMI**
 tell all the children the de-vil's a vil-lain but 'tain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. To

45 **D^{b7} A^b A^b A^{MI}⁷ D⁷ G⁶ G⁷**
 get in - to Heaven don't snap for a se-ven. Live clean, don't have no fault! Oh,

49 **C⁷ F F⁶ A⁷_{sus} A⁷(^b5) B^{b7}([#]5)**
 I take that gos-pel when - ev - er it's poss'ble, but with a grain of salt. Me -

53 **GMI C GMI C GMI C**
 thus - lah lived nine hun-dred years. Me - thus - lah lived nine hun-dred

56 **GMI C⁷ D^{b7} C⁷ D^{b7}**
 years. But who calls that liv - in' when no gal - 'll give in to

59 **A⁷ D⁷ GMI C⁷ F^{#7} E^{b7}**
 no man what's nine hun-dred years? I'm

62 **CMI⁶ G D⁷ C B⁷**
 preachin' this ser-mon to show it ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly,

65 **EMI CMI⁶ G D⁹([#]5) G**
 ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly, ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so!