

# It Ain't Necessarily So

Bb for Standard Key

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Medium [Lena Horne 1959] (♩ = 118)

It ain't ne-ces - sar - i - ly so. It ain't ne-ces - sar - i - ly so. The  
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.

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 **Ami** **D** **Ami** **D** **Ami** **D** **Ami**  
 ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. It ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. They

41 **D<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>7** **D<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>7** **B<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>7</sup>** **Ami**  
 tell all the children the de-vil's a vill-lain but 'tain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. To

45 **E<sup>b</sup>7** **B<sup>b</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>** **Bmi<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>6</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>**  
 get in - to Heaven don't snap for a se-ven. Live clean, don't have no fault! Oh,

49 **D<sup>7</sup>** **G** **G<sup>6</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>sus** **B<sup>7</sup>(b5)** **C<sup>7</sup>(#5)**  
 I take that gos-pel when - ev - er it's poss'ble, but with a grain of salt. Me -

53 **Ami** **D** **Ami** **D** **Ami** **D**  
 thus - lah lived nine hun-dred years. Me - thus - lah lived nine hun-dred

56 **Ami** **D<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>7** **D<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>7**  
 years. But who calls that liv - in' when no gal - 'll give in to

59 **B<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>7</sup>** **Ami** **D<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>#</sup>7** **F<sup>7</sup>**  
 no man what's nine hun-dred years? I'm

62 **Dmi<sup>6</sup>** **A** **E<sup>7</sup>** **D** **C<sup>#</sup>7**  
 preachin' this ser-mon to show it ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly,

65 **F<sup>#</sup>mi** **Dmi<sup>6</sup>** **A** **E<sup>9</sup>(#5)** **A**  
 ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly, ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so!