

# It Ain't Necessarily So

E♭ for Standard Key

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Medium [Lena Horne 1959] (♩ = 118)

**A** **E♭** **A**<sub>3</sub> **E♭** **A** **E♭** **A**<sub>3</sub> **E♭**

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

**A**<sup>7</sup> **B♭**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub> **A**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub> **B♭**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub> **F♯**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub> **B**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub>

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

**E♭** **A**<sup>7</sup> **C**<sup>7</sup> **A/B** **E♭** **E♭**<sup>7</sup>

so. Little my.

**E♭** **A** **E♭** **A** **E♭** **A** **E♭**

**A**<sup>7</sup> **B♭**<sup>7</sup> **A**<sup>7</sup> **B♭**<sup>7</sup> **F♯**<sup>7</sup> **B**<sup>7</sup> **E♭** **E♭**<sup>7</sup>

Yes

**E♭** **A**<sub>3</sub> **E♭** **A** **E♭** **A**<sub>3</sub> **E♭**

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

**A**<sup>7</sup> **B♭**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub> **A**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub> **B♭**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub> **F♯**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub> **B**<sup>7</sup><sub>3</sub>

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

**E♭** **A**<sup>7</sup> **C**<sup>7</sup> **A/B** **E♭** **E♭**<sup>7</sup>

whale. Little stream.

**E♭** **A** **E♭** **A** **E♭** **A** **E♭** **A**<sup>7</sup> **B♭**<sup>7</sup> **A**<sup>7</sup> **B♭**<sup>7</sup> **F♯**<sup>7</sup> **B**<sup>7</sup> **E♭** **E♭**<sup>7</sup>

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37 **Emi** **A** **Emi** **A** **Emi** **A** **Emi**  
 ain't ne-ces-sar - i - ly so. It ain't ne-ces-sar - i - ly so. They

41 **A<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b7</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b7</sup>** **F<sup>#7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>** **Emi**  
 tell all the children the de-vil's a villain but 'tain't ne-ces-sar-i - ly so. To

45 **B<sup>b7</sup>** **F** **F** **F<sup>#mi</sup>7** **B<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>6</sup>** **E<sup>7</sup>**  
 get in - to Heaven don't snap for a se-ven. Live clean, don't have no fault! Oh,

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

53 **Emi** **A** **Emi** **A** **Emi** **A**  
 thus - lah lived nine hun-dred years. Me - thus - lah lived nine hun-dred

56 **Emi** **A<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b7</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b7</sup>**  
 years. But who calls that liv - in' when no gal - 'll give in to

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

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

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