

# It Ain't Necessarily So

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Medium [Lena Horne 1959] (♩ = 118)

8 **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm**

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

5 **F**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **F**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **D**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>7</sup>

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

8 **1.** **Cm** **F**<sup>7</sup> **A**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **F/G** **2.** **Cm** **Cm**<sup>7</sup>

so. Little my.

11 **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm**

15 **F**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **F**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **D**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>7</sup> **Cm** **Cm**<sup>7</sup>

Yes

19 **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm**

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

23 **F**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **F**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **D**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>7</sup>

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

26 **1.** **Cm** **F**<sup>7</sup> **A**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **F/G** **2.** **Cm** **Cm**<sup>7</sup>

whale. Little stream.

29 **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F** **Cm** **F**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **F**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> **D**<sup>7</sup> **G**<sup>7</sup> **Cm** **Cm**<sup>7</sup>

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37 **CMI** **F** **CMI** **F** **CMI** **F** **CMI**  
  
 ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. It ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so. They

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

45 **G<sup>b7</sup>** **D<sup>b</sup>** **D<sup>b</sup>** **DMI<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>6</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>**  
  
 get in - to Heaven don't snap for a se-ven. Live clean, don't have no fault! Oh,

49 **F<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>** **B<sup>b6</sup>** **D<sup>7sus</sup>** **D<sup>7(b5)</sup>** **E<sup>b7(#5)</sup>**  
  
 I take that gos-pel when - ev - er it's poss'ble, but with a grain of salt. Me -

53 **CMI** **F** **CMI** **F** **CMI** **F**  
  
 thus - lah lived nine hun-dred years. Me - thus - lah lived nine hun-dred

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

59 **D<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>7</sup>** **CMI** **F<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b7</sup>**  
  
 no man what's nine hun-dred years? I'm

62 **FMI<sup>6</sup>** **C** **G<sup>7</sup>** **F** **E<sup>7</sup>**  
  
 preachin' this ser-mon to show it ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly,

65 **AMI** **FMI<sup>6</sup>** **C** **G<sup>9(#5)</sup>** **C**  
  
 ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly, ain't ne-ces-sar-i-ly so!