

It Ain't Necessarily So

Standard Key

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Medium [Lena Horne 1959] ($\text{♩} = 118$)

It ain't ne - ces - sar - i - ly so. It ain't ne - ces - sar - i - ly so. The 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 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^{MI7} 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 A^{7sus} A^{7(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 C^{MI6} G D⁷ C B⁷
 preachin' this ser-mon to show it ain't ne - ces - sar - i - ly,

65 E^{MI} C^{MI6} G D^{9(#5)} G
 ain't ne - ces - sar - i - ly, ain't ne - ces - sar - i - ly so!