

It Ain't Necessarily So

Standard Key for Viola

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

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

2. 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.

11 GMI C GMI C GMI C GMI

15 C⁷ D^{b7} C⁷ D^{b7} A⁷ D⁷ GMI GMI⁷

19 GMI C GMI C GMI C GMI

23 C⁷ D^{b7} C⁷ D^{b7} A⁷ D⁷

26 GMI C⁷ E^{b7} C/D GMI GMI⁷

29 GMI C GMI C GMI C⁷ D^{b7} C⁷ D^{b7} A⁷ D⁷ GMI GMI⁷

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 villain but 'tain't ne-ces-sar - i - ly so. To

45 **D^{b7}** **A^b** **A^b** **A^b** **A^{M7}** **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}** **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 hundred years. Me - thus - lah lived nine hundred

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^{M6}** **G** **D⁷** **C** **B⁷**

preachin' this ser-mon to show it ain't ne - ces - sar - i - ly,

65 **E^{MI}** **C^{M6}** **G** **D^{9(#5)}** **G**

ain't ne - ces - sar - i - ly, ain't ne - ces - sar - i - ly so!