

Key: G

Preacher and the Bear

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G Em C G
Well the Preacher went out 'a huntin', yeah, it was on one Sunday morn'
G G/Gb Em A7 D7
Twas against his religion, but he took a shotgun along
G Em C G G/Gb
Got him a mess 'a mighty fine quail, and one old scraggly hare
Em A7 D7 G
But on the way home, he crossed the path of a big ol' grizzly bear
G G G G
Well the bear got down, gettin' ready to charge, the preacher hadn't seen nothin' quite that large
They looked each other right smack in the eye, didn't take that preacher that long to say bye
Started to run, spotted a limb, by the time that bear made a grab for him
Scared to death, turned about, looked to the skies and began to shout
G C G
Hey Lord, you delivered ol'' Daniel from the bottom of the lion's den
G G/Gb Em A7 D7
You delivered ol'' Jonah from the belly of the whale, and then
G G/Gb Em C G
The Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, so the good book do declare
G G/Gb Em A7 D7 G
Hey Lord . . . if you can't help me, for goodness sakes, don't ya help that bear

Well about that time, the limb broke off and the preacher came 'a tumblin' down
Had a Bible out of his pocket, by the time he landed on the ground
Landed on his feet right in front of that bear, and Lord, what an awful fight
Well the preacher and the bear and the creatures and the hare were flyin' from left to right
Well first they were up, and then they were down, the preacher and the bear went round 'n round
The bear, he growled, the preacher, he groaned, havin' a tough time 'a holdin' his own
Said Lord if I ever get outa here alive, back to the good book, I'll abide
I won't go a huntin' on the Sabbath day, come Sunday, I'm headed to church to pray
So the preacher got away, spotted a limb, by the time that bear made a grab for him
Scared to death, turned about, and he looked to the skies and began to shout

Chorus

They fought on down to the river, oh Lord, you should 'a seen em fight
That bear was really 'a pourin' it on strong, but the preacher was doin' all right
He fought that bear down to the water, three times in and out
Well the bear looked away and the preacher did say, well thanks Lord, for helpin' me out
An' he shouted Lord, you delivered ol'' Daniel from the bottom of the lion's den
You delivered ol'' Jonah from the belly of the whale, and then
Well, Lord it may not seem like much from where you are way up there
But the hardest thing I ever done was to baptize that bear
Hey Lord, you delivered ol'' Daniel from the bottom of the lion's den
You delivered ol'' Jonah from the belly of the whale, and then
The Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, so the good book do declare
Hey Lord, if you can't help me, for goodness sakes, don't ya help that bear

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