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"The Gospel According To My Ol' Man"

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We could hear the gospel all around.
My dad and me leanin' 'gainst a tree with leaves falling
down.
Now, daddy, he's no holy man. He never taught us how
to pray.
But he saw the questions on my face.
He looked at me and I turned away.

And he said, "Believe what you want to, believe what
you can,
'cause all I ever really learned from this life of mine...
Love's the only thing worth a damn.
So take it or leave it, deny or receive it,
'cause maybe it was never really ours to understand."
And that right there's the gospel according to my ol'
man.

The neighbors just put up with us.
Mrs. Jones always tried to save our souls,
With a fiery look as she held her book
And read about him calling all his little lost lambs back
to the fold.
And Daddy'd say, "Now, Elna May, with all due respect,

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