

## Leonard Bernstein

### ""mass': Ix. Gospel-sermon: 'god Said'"

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God said, Let there be light, and there was  
God said, Let there be night, and there was  
God said, Let there be day, and there was  
Day to follow the night  
And it was good, brother  
And it was good, brother  
And it was good, brother  
And it was goddam good

God said, Let there be storms  
Storms to bring life in all of its forms  
Forms such as herds and gaggles and swarms  
Swarms that have names and numbers and norms  
And it was good, sister  
And it was good, sister  
And it was good, sister  
And it was goddam good

God said, Let there be gnats  
Let there be sprats to gobble the gnats  
So that the sprats may nourish the rats  
Making them fat, fine food for the cats  
And they grew fat, brother  
And they grew fat, brother  
All but the gnats, brother  
They all grew fearful fat

And God saw it was good  
God made it be good  
Created it good  
Created the gnats to nourish the sprats to nurture the  
rats  
And all for us big fat cats  
Us fat cats!

God said it's good to be poor  
Good men must not be secure  
So if we steal from you  
It's just to help you stay pure  
And it was good!  
And it was good, sister...

God said take charge of my zoo  
I made these creatures for you  
So he won't mind if we  
Wipe out a species or two  
And it was good!  
And it was good, brother...

God said to spread His commands  
To folks in faraway lands  
They may not want us there  
But man it's out of our hands  
And it was good!  
And it was good, sister...

God said that sex should repulse  
Unless it leads to results  
And so we crowd the world  
Full of consenting adults  
And it was good!  
And it was good, brother...

God said it's good to be meek  
And so we are once a week  
It may not mean a lot  
But oh, it's terribly chic  
And it was good!  
And it was good, sister...

God made us the boss  
God gave us the cross  
We turned it into a sword  
To spread the Word of the Lord  
We use His holy decrees  
To do whatever we please  
And it was good, yeah  
And it was good, yeah  
And it was goddam good

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