

## Ray Quinn

### "The Preacher And The Bear"

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The Preacher and the Bear by Jerry Reed

The preacher went out a huntin', it was on one Sunday morn'  
It was against his religion, but he took a shotgun along  
He got himself a mess a' mighty fine quail and one old scraggly hare  
And on the way home he crossed the path of a Great big grizzly bear

Well the bear got down lookin' ready to charge  
The preacher never seen nothin' quite that large  
They looked each other right smack in the eye  
Didn't take that preacher long to say bye  
The preacher he run till he spotted a tree  
He said "up in that tree's where I aut a be"  
By the time that bear made a grab for him  
The preacher was a sittin' on top a that limb  
Scared to death, he tuned about  
He looked to the sky and began to shout,

Chorus;  
Hey lord, you delivered Daniel from the bottom of the lion's den  
You delivered Joana, from the belly of the whale and then,  
The Hebrew children from the fiery furnace so the good books do declare  
Hey lord, if you can't help me, for goodness sake don't help that bear

Ya, look out preacher  
Well, about that time the limb broke off and the preacher came tumblin' down  
Had a straight razor out of his pocket by the time he lit on the ground  
He landed on his feet right in front a that bear and lord what an awful fight  
The preacher and the bear and the razor and the hair flyin' from left to right

Well first they was up and then they was down, the  
preacher and the bear runnin' round n' round  
The bear he roared and the the preacher he groaned,  
he was havin' a tough time holdin' his own  
He said Lord if I get out a here alive, to the good book  
I'll abide  
No more huntin' on the Sabbath day, come Sunday I'm  
headin' to the church to pray  
Up to the heavens the preacher glanced, he said Lord  
won't you give me just one more chance  
So the preacher got away, he looked around seen a  
tree where he'd be safe and sound  
Jumped on a limb, turned about, looked to the sky and  
began to shout

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