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"If I Had My Way"

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You read about Sampson, from his birth
strongest man that ever lived on earth.
One day Sampson was walking alone
looked down on the ground and saw an old jaw-bone.
stretched out his hand, swung it over his head,
when he start moving ten thousand was dead.

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Sampson and the lion they got in attack
Sampson jumped on that lion's back
You read about him - he killed a man with his paw
Sampson got his hands around the lion's jaw
broke that beast till the lion was dead
Bees made honey in the lion's head.

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Delilah was a woman, so fine and fair

She had lovely good looks, and a-cold black hair
Delilah gained on sampson's mind
first saw the woman just to fill his time
sit down on sampson's knees
tell me where your strength lies, if you please
She spoke so kind, talked so fair,
Sampson told Delilah, cut off my hair,
Shave my head, clean as your hand
And my strength will be like a natural man
caught ol' Sampson by surprise
picked up a stick and poked him eye to eye

dragged him down to the judgment hall
chained him to the stone cold wall
left him there til his head turned brown
Sampson tore that building down

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