

## Ray Stevens

# "Mississippi Squirrel Revival"

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Well when I was a kid I would take a trip  
Every Summer down to "Mississipp," to visit  
My Granny and 'er "Auntie Belluam World."  
I'd run barefooted all-day long, climbing  
Trees free as a song; One day I happened  
To catch myself a squirrel.  
Well I stuffed him down  
In an old shoe box, and punched a couple  
Holes in the top; When Sunday came I snuck em'  
In the Church. I sittin' way back on the very  
Last pew showin em' to my good buddy Hugh,  
When that squirrel got loose and went totally  
Buzzerk.

Well what happened next is hard to tell;  
Some thought it was Heaven others thought  
It was Hell, but the fact that something was  
Among was plain to see.

As the choir sang " I Surrender All", the  
Squirrel ran up Harv Newman's coveralls, and  
Harv leaped to his feet and said something's got  
A hold on me yeeeeooow!

### CHORUS

The day the squirrel went buzzerk in the  
First Self-Righteous Church in that sleepy little  
Town of Pascagoula. It was a fight for survival  
That broke out in revival. They were jumpin' pews  
And shoutin' "Hallelujah".

### VERSE 2

Well Harv hit the aisles dancin' and screamin'.  
Some thought he had Religion others thought  
He had a demon, and Harv thought he had a  
Weed-eater loose in his fruit-of-the-looms.  
He fell to his knees to plead and beg, and the  
Squirrel ran out of his britchy-leg; unobserved  
To the otherside of the room.  
All the way down to the AMEN pew, where sat  
"Sister Bertha Better-than-You", who had been  
Watching all of the commotion with sufistic glee.  
But shoot, you should have seen the look in her eyes  
When that squirrel jumped her garders and crossed  
her  
Thighs. And she jumped to her feet and said,

"Lord have mercy on me!"  
As the squirrel made laps inside her dress,  
She began to cry and then to confess  
To sins that would make a sailor blush with shame.

She told of gossip and church disention,  
But the thing that got the most attention  
Is when she talked about her love life  
Then she started naming names!

The day the squirrel went berserk.  
In the First Self-Righteous Church  
Of that sleepy little town of Pascagoula.  
It was a fight for survival,  
That broke out in revival.  
They were jumpin pews and shouting Hallelujah!

Well seven deacons and the pastor got saved  
And 25, 000 dollars got raised.  
And 50 volunteered for missions in the Congo  
On the spot.  
And even without and invitaion  
There were at least 500 rededications.  
And we ALL got rebaptised whether we needed it or  
not.

Well you've heard the Bible stories I guess  
Of how he parted the waters for Moses to pass.  
All th miracles God has brought to this I' world.  
But the one I'll remember to my dyin day  
Is how he put that church back on the narrow way  
With a half crazed Mississippi Squirrel

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