Rufus Thomas "The Preacher And The Bear"

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A preacher, he went huntin'
It was on a Sunday morn'
Of course it was against his religion
He took his gun along

Shot some very fine quail
One little measly hare
On his way returning home
He met a great big grizzly bear

Bear walked around, stood on the ground He walked straight to the preacher, you see Preacher got so excited And then he ran up a Sycamore tree

Bear walked around, stood on the ground The preacher crawled out on a limb Cast his eye to the Lord above And these are words he said to Him

He said, "Oh Lord, oh, Lord, Lord You delivered Daniel in the lion's den Samson strong and the hundred men Hebrew children in the furnace of fire"

"David went to kill the lion The good book do declare But Lord, if they don't help me Don't You help this big black bear"

The preacher stayed up in that tree I think it was all night Said, "Oh Lord, if You don't help me Treat us both alright"

Just about that time the limb let go
The preacher come tumblin' down
You should've seen him getting that razor out
Before he struck the ground

He struck the ground cuttin' left and right He put up a very good fight About that time the bear told the preacher Just hold him a little too tight

Preacher lost the razor
Bear held on with the [Incomprehensible]
Cast his eye to the Lord above
Once more prayed to Him

He said, "Oh Lord, oh Lord Oh Lord, oh, oh, oh Lord You remember Daniel in the lion's den Samson strong and the hundred men Hebrew children in the furnace of fire"

"David went to kill old lion
The good book do declare
Oh, oh, oh Lord
If You, if You, if You don't help me
Put a muscle on this big black bear"

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