

The Statler Brothers

"The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand"

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About the same time the Angel Gabriel came
And told of another unusual birth
The child would be a cousin of the Christ
His name would be John
And as he baptized he preached
Make way for Jesus the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Jesus walked that lonesome road to preach the gospel
news
But someone walked ahead to pave the way
One who felt he wasn't fit to carry Jesus' shoes
A woolly man adorned in disarray

A man who got his feet wet for the glory of the Lord
John The Baptist was a chosen man
His voice called from the wilderness a warning and the
words
The kingdom of heaven is at hand

He must have made an awesome sight in clothes of
camels hair
Around his waist he wore a leather band

Preachin' and baptizin' as he wondered here and there
The kingdom of heaven is at hand
The kingdom of heaven is at hand

One day Jesus came to Jordan's banks to be baptized
John The Baptist tried to turn him down
Lord I feel inadequate and then he emphasized
It should be the other way around

But John was soon convinced and he consented by and
by
It must be done to fulfill Gods command
'Cause god was lookin' down on him and time was
drawin' nigh
The kingdom of heaven is at hand

Livin' on wild honey and grasshoppers and the word
He went to Jordan lookin' lean and tan

Preachin' and baptizin' and the people came and heard
The kingdom of heaven is at hand
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