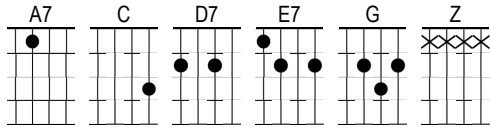


The Preacher And The Bear

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The **G** preacher went out a huntin', it was **1/2C** on one Sunday **1/2G** morn'
It **G** was against his religion, but he **1/2A7** took a shotgun a **1/2D7** long
He **G** got himself a mess o' mighty fine quail and **1/2C** one old scraggly **G** hare
And on the way home he **1/2E7** crossed the path of a **1/2D7** great big grizzly
1/2G bear

Well, the **Z** 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 oughta 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 turned about
He | looked to the sky and began to shout

"Hey **G** Lord, you delivered Daniel from the **1/2C** bottom of the lion's **1/2G** den
G You delivered Jonah from the **1/2A7** belly of the whale and **1/2D7** then
The **G** Hebrew children from the **G** fiery furnace so the **C** good books do
de **G** clare
Hey **1/2G** Lord, if you **1/2E7** can't help me, for goodness **1/2D7** sake don't help
that **1/2G** bear"

Well, a **G** about that time the limb broke off and the **1/2C** preacher came tumblin'

1/2G down

Had a **G** straight razor out of his pocket by the **1/2A7** time he lit on the **1/2D7**
ground

He **G** landed on his feet right in front a that bear and **1/2C** Lord, what an awful **G**
fight

The preacher and the bear and the **1/2E7** razor and the hair just **1/2D7** flyin' from
left to **1/2G** right

Well, **Z** first they was up and then they was down

The | preacher the bear runnin' round an' round

The | bear he roared, and the the preacher he groaned

| Havin' a tough time holdin' his own

Said, | "Lord if I get out a here alive

Then | 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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