

IX GOSPEL-SERMON: "God Said"

(The Preacher jumps on a bench, surrounded by his congregants.)

Light and innocent ♩ = 144 +

Celebrant

Preacher (pious) *p.* ♩ = ♩

God said: Let there be light. And there was

Street Chorus

♩ = 144 +

p.

5

Pr. light. God

Chorus

God said: Let there be night. And there was night.

(b)

10

Pr. *cresc. un poco*

said: Let there be day. And there was day... *mf cresc.*

15

...day

mp *mf* *cresc.*

15

Pr.

And it was good, broth-er, And it was
to fol - low the night. And it was

Pr.

good, broth-er, And it was good, broth-er, And it was god - dam
good, broth-er, And it was god - dam

Pr.

good.
good.

Pr. *p* (35)

God said: Let there be storms. Storms to bring

Pr. (40)

life... herds

...life in all of its forms, Forms such as herds...

Pr. *cresc. un poco* (45)

and gag - gles and swarms, Swarms that have names...

mf

...names

(45)

mp *mf* *cresc.*

Pr. (50)

And it was good, broth-er, And it was

and num-bers and norms. And it was

f marcato

Pr. (55)

good, broth-er, And it was good, broth-er, And it was god - dam

good, broth-er, (55) And it was god - dam

Pr. (60)

good.

good.

ff *molto*

Dance Interlude
Light, graceful

137

(65)

pp sub.

(70)

cresc. un poco *mf* *dim.* *cresc. (f)*

Preacher (a little less pious)
p sub.

(75)

Pr. God said: Let there be *gnats. Let there be sprats...

Chorus

... sprats

(80)

Pr. ... sprats may

to gob-ble the gnats So that the sprats...

*Pronounce the "g."

Pr. 85 *cresc.*

nour-ish the rats, Mak-ing them fat...

cresc.

...fat, fine food for the

cresc.

Pr. 90 *f*

And they grew fat, broth-er, And they grew fat, broth-er,

cats. And they grew fat, broth-er,

f marc.

Pr. 95 *b*

All but the gnats, broth-er, They all grew fear-ful fat.

They all grew fear-ful fat.

95

(100) *ff*

Preacher (always a bit nastier)

Pr. *p sub.* (105)

And God saw it was good. Cre - at - ed it

Chorus

God made it be good,

grazioso (105)

pp sub. *sim.*

Pr. *cresc.*

good, ... gnats to nour-ish the sprats... And all for us

cresc.

Cre - at - ed the gnats... ...sprats to nurture the rats,

cresc.

140

Pr. 110

big fat cats. Yow!

us cats! Yow!

110

mf

f

ff (stomping)

(Chorus)

115

ff *dim.* *molto*

And it was good, and it was good, And it was good, and it was

sim. *dim.* *molto*

sim.

5 SOLI * 120

1. God said it's good to be poor, Good men must not be se -

2. God said take charge of my zoo I made these creatures for

3. God said to spread His com-mands To folks in far-a-way

4. God said that sex should re-pulse Un-less it leads to re -

5. God said it's good to be meek And so we are once a

CHORUS 120

1. good. God said it's good to be poor,

2. good. God said take charge of my zoo

3. good. God said to spread His commands

4. good. God said that sex should re-pulse

5. good. God said it's good to be meek

p stacc.

*Stanzas 1, 3, and 5 are sung by male soli; 2 and 4 by female soli.

cresc.

141

1. cure; So if we steal from you, It's just to help you stay
2. you; So he won't mind if we Wipe out a spe-cies or
3. lands; They may not want us there, But, man, it's out of our
4. sults; And so we crowd the world Full of con-sent-ing a -
5. week; It may not mean a lot But oh, it's ter-ri-bly

1. Good men must not be se-cure;
2. I made this creatures for you;
3. To folks in far- a - way lands;
4. Un-less it leads to re-sults;
5. And so we are once a week;

cresc.

1. pure. _____
2. two. _____
3. hands. _____
4. dults. _____
5. chic. _____

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. And it was good! _____

1. It's just to help you stay pure.
2. Wipe out a spe-cies or two.
3. But, man it's out of our hands. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. And it was good, And it was
4. Full of con-sent-ing a - dults.
5. But oh, it's ter-ri-bly chic.

mf ffz

1. 2. 3. 4.

dim. - - - - - molto - - - - -

good, And it was good, And it was good, And it was

1. 2. 3. 4.

dim. - - - - - molto - - - - -

130 Preacher (with rising arrogance and delight)

5. *mf* *cresc.*

God made us the boss. God gave us the

(5.) good. *mf* *cresc.*

God made us the boss.

130 5. *p sub.* *poco a poco cresc.*

Pr. *f* *cresc.* *f*

cross. We turned it in- to a sword

God gave us the cross. We turned it in - to a

135

Pr. *cresc.*

To spread the Word of the Lord. We use His ho - ly de -

sword To spread the Word of the Lord.

sempre cresc.

Pr. 140

crees *cresc.* To do what - ev - er we please.

We use His ho - ly de - crees To do what - ev - er we

140

Pr. *ff*

And it was good! And it was good! Yeah! And it was

please, Yeah! *ff* Yeah! And it was good! Yeah! And it was

f marc.

145 *fff* (They dance, drunk with power.)

god - dam good!

god - dam good!

145 *fff* *tutta forza*

(150)

(The dance suddenly halts at the appearance of the Celebrant, who is now even more elaborately robed.)

(suddenly pious again)

Pr. *p sub.* (155)

God said: Let there be light. And there was

Pr. (160)

light.
Chorus

God said: Let there be night. And there was night.

Pr. (165) *non cresc.*

said: Let there be day. And there was day...

(165) *non cresc.*

...day to

Pr. (170) *(retreating)* *p*

And it was good, brother, And it was good, brother!

fol - low the night. *(retreating)* *p* And it was good, brother!

(170) *legg.* *p*

Pr. *pp* (175)

And it was good, broth-er! And it was...

And it was...

(175) *pp*

(180)

dim. *pp* *attacca*

Optional ending
if performed
separately

ppp