

MISSISSIPPI SQUIRREL

By Ray Stevens

C **A7** **D7**
WHEN I WAS A KID WE'D TAKE A TRIP, EVERY SUMMER DOWN TO MISSISSIP'
F **G** **C** **G7 C**
TO VISIT MY GRANNIE AND MY AUNT BELLUM WHIRL.

C **A7** **D7**
WELL, I'D RUN BAREFOOT ALL DAY LONG, CLIMBING TREES AS FREE AS A SONG
F **G** **C** **G7 C**
AND THEN, ONE DAY I CAUGHT MYSELF A SQUIRREL.

F
WELL, I STUFFED HIM DOWN IN AN OL' SHOE BOX,

C
AN' PUNCHED A COUPLE OF HOLES IN THE TOP

D7 **G**
AND WHEN SUNDAY CAME ALONG, I SNUCK HIM INTO CHURCH.

C **A7**
WELL, I'US SITTING WAY BACK IN THE VERY LAST PEW,

D7
A'SHOWIN HIM TO MY GOOD BUDDY HUGH

F **G**
WHEN THAT SQUIRREL GOT LOOSE AND WENT TOTALLY BEZERK!

Am
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT IS HARD TO TELL,

Am
SOME THOUGHT IT WAS HEAVEN SOME THOUGHT IT WAS HELL,

Am
BUT THE FACT THAT SUMPNTN'S AMOUNG US WAS PLAIN TO TELL

Am
AS THE CHOIR SANG "I SURRENDER ALL",

Am
THE SQUIRREL RAN UP HARV NEWMAN'S COVERALLS

D7 **G**
AND HE JUMPED TO HIS FEET AND SAID "SUMPNTN'S GOT A HOL' A ME!"

Chorus:

C **D7**
THE DAY THE SQUIRREL WENT BEZERK IN THE FIRST SELF-RIGHTEOUS CHURCH,
F **G** **C** **G7**
IN THE SLEEPY LITTLE TOWN OF PASQUAGULLA.

C **D7**
IT WAS A FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL, THAT TURNED UP IN REVIVAL
F **G** **C** **G7**
THEY WERE JUMPIN' PEWS AND SINGING "HALLEJULIA".

WELL, HARV HIT THE AISLES A DANCIN' AND A SCREAMIN'
SOME THOUGHT HE HAD RELIGION, SOME THOUGHT HE HAD A DEMON,
BUT 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 HIS BRITCHES LEG
UNBEKNOWNST TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE ROOM.

WELL, IT RAN ON DOWN TO THE AMEN PEW WHERE SAT
SISTER BERTHAT BETTER THAN YOU
WHO'D BEEN WATCHIN' ALL THE COMMOTION WITH SADISTIC GLEE.
WELL, YOU SHOULD'A SEEN THE LOOK IN HER EYES
WHEN THAT SQUIRREL JUMPED HER GARTERS 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'D MAKE A SAILOR BLUSH WITH SHAME.

SHE TOLD OF GOSSIP AND CHURCH DISSENTION,
BUT THE THING THAT GOT THE MOST ATTENTION
IS WHEN SHE TALKED ABOUT HER LOVE LIFE
AND STARTED NAMING NAMES!

Chorus

WELL, SEVEN DEACONS AND THE PASTOR GOT SAVED
AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS GOT RAISED
AND FIFTY VOLUNTEERED FOR MISSIONS IN THE CONGO ON THE SPOT.
AND EVEN WITHOUT AN INVITATION,
THERE WERE AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED REDEDICATIONS,
AND WE ALL GOT REBAPTIZED WHETER WE NEEDED IT OR NOT.

NOW, YOU'VE HEARD THE BIBLE STORY I GUESS,
HOW GOD PARTED THE WATERS SO MOSES COULD PASS.
OH, THE MIRACLES GOD HAS WROUGHT IN THIS OL' WORLD
BUT THE ONE I'LL REMEMBER TO MY DYING DAY,
IS HOW HE PUT THAT CHURCH ON THE HEADLINES PAGE