

007_Froggie_Learns_The_Gospel---293_Psalm_061

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0 Fret

1,2,3 Pick * E F# G C G notes at the beginning of each verse

1 *G A7
I'll sing you a story 'bout a big ol' frog
D7 G
Who started going wrong when he's just a pollywog
G A7
He'd sit on a lily-pad each and every day
D7 G
Not caring for his life which was wastin' all away

G7
I should divert from our story at this time
To tell you that frog's name was Herman
Pertinent information you'll need
Throughout the rest of the narrative
And now back to our tale

2 *G A7
Now Herman was tough and Herman was mean
D7 G
About the meanest frog that you've ever seen
G A7
He could jump like a rabbit and swim like a trout
D7 G
And those who got too near were quick to find it out

G7
'Cause Herman had a big appetite
And Herman was mean
He was so mean that he would even eat beautiful butterflies
Oh, I just can't stand it

3 *G A7
Now Herman's Ma said, "I brought you up right,
D7 G
I taught you not to boast and I taught you not to fight,
G A7
But you've gone out and been wicked anyway,
D7 G
Hear what I say: You'll be sorry one day!"

G7
And the really sad part of our story is
Herman laughed at his mother
He laughed at his very own mother
And said:

4 *G A7
"Hey ma, look, I'm a big frog now
D7 G
And I don't need you a telling me how
G A7
To run my life out in the swamp land
D7 G
'Cause there ain't no one else as big as I am"

D7 D#7
Oh, how these words have come back to haunt even the toughest of frogs
E7
Can anyone divert Herman from the path of destruction he's chosen?
F7 F#7 G7 F#7 F7 E7 D#7 D7
Can anyone intervene? If you can, do it now! Do it now!

5 *G A7
Out on the river in an oak leaf boat
D7 G
Were two little crickets all afloat
G A7
They were all dressed up in suits so neat
D7 G
But Herman only saw them as something to eat

G7
Alas - I was about to pray that the two crickets might rest in peace
But as Herman drew near, one of the two crickets stood up
Whacked Herman on his big old frog nose
With a cinnamon toothpick he was using as an oar
And he said:

6 *G A7
"Sit down frog, it's the end of the line
D7 G
We're gonna' tell you a story so fine
G A7
Now don't interrupt 'till we're all the way through
D7 G
And listen to the words we're saying to you"

G7

'Cause you see, these crickets were Mormon crickets
Long ago their ancestors were eaten by seagulls in the Salt Lake Valley
And they had a testimony of the gospel
Man did they have a testimony of the gospel
Especially when there were seagulls around.

C

G

(whistle: *We Thank Thee Oh God for a Prophet, to guide us in these latter-days*)

*G

A7

7

Herman listened all day and into the night

D7

G

As he read The Book of Mormon by the moonlight

G

A7

And when he got through, he said with a shout

D7

G

"Now I know for sure what life is all about!"

G7

Then he got all sad and pensive and he said
"But I've been an evil frog;
How can I ever be forgiven?"
And he prayed, and he prayed, and he prayed

*G

A7

8

Now Herman got smart and Herman got wise

D7

G

And he allowed himself to be baptized

G

A7

By an old muskrat from a neighboring lake

D7

G

Who many years ago his sins he did forsake

G7

And now quite a change has come over Herman
All day long you can still find him sitting on that same ol' lily pad
But now he's preaching the gospel to all the other animals who'll listen
And he's saying . . . Brigham . . . Brigham . . . Brigham

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when Jana McClain was our first visitor to stay at our Utah condo

0 Fret Strum * E F# G C G notes at the beginning of each verse

David finds shelter in the Lord, abides in the Lord's presence, and keeps his own vows.

To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David.

*G

1. Hear my cry, O God;

A7

Attend unto my prayer.

D7

G

2. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee,

G

A7

D7

G

When my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

(slide to G7)

11. (Let me interrupt the Psalm at this verse to point out we all must pray.

I If we don't pray, how can God hear our prayer?)

*G

A7

3. For thou hast been a shelter for me,

D7

G

And a strong tower from the enemy.

G

A7

4. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever:

D7

G

I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

And his years as many generations.

(slide to G7)

13. (How thankful I am for my ancestors!

I

How thankful I am for

I

The gospel of Christ!)

4. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever:

D7

G

I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

7.

*G A7

He shall abide before God for ever:

D7

O prepare mercy and truth,

G

which may preserve him.

G

12. (For God watches over us always.

I Even if we don't acknowledge him.)

*G

5. For thou, O God,

A7

hast heard my vows:

D

G

Thou hast given me the heritage

G

A7

of those that fear thy name.

D7

6. Thou wilt prolong the king's life:

G

8.

So will I sing praise

A7

unto thy name for ever,

D7

G

That I may daily perform my vows.

(slide to G7)

14. (And so you will find me

I

attending my meetings,

I

and saying my prayers,

I

and singing the Psalms.)*