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'71 Owepar PublishingTo a man and wife three sons were born on the same day a bright Sundy morn

Three boys with exactly the same chance in life

Their daddy was a wealthy man they'd know no hunger or strife

Their names were Carroll Gerald and Harold Dee

The years passed quickly it seemed for the three

Carroll studied law with a bachelor's degree

He'd read law books till way in the night

To be the world's greatest lawyer was his goal in life

Gerald studied numbers he was like a machine

Adding subtracting multiplying accounting was his dream

The books were untouched by the last of the three

Just God's Holy Bible would interest Harold Dee

But he'd read it and recite it in his study for days

Without eating or sleeping learning of God's ways

The rest of the family would go to town but Harold Dee would stay home

And through the woods and the fields he'd walk around

Why they wouldn't even get him to the barbershop

Several months passed and his folks told him this foolishness must stop

His mama and daddy said his hair was a disgrace

Not to mention the beard that grew long on his face

At least they decided Harold Dee must leave home

Unlike Carroll and Gerald he had no business of his own

And his reputation was hurtin' the family name

The weird boy with the beads and the sandals and the bangs

Six years passed no one knew where he went

Then the county was told a revival was a comin' in the world's biggest tent

Why it seemed the whole county was there opening night not one empty seat

When the missionary walked to the pulpit the crowd rose to their feet

Everyone stared with shock and disbelief

Whispers went through the crowd I believe that's Harold Dee

The missionary held a closed Bible in his hands and spoke with a voice soft and kind

And recited Genesis Matthews Mark Luke and John and Revelations line at a time

It lasted four hours but not one left their seat

God's power had been given and delivered by Brother Harold Dee

In the fourth row from the front sat his mother and dad

His two brother and their wives he looked at them and smiled and said

God bless you for coming tonight let us pray

God thank you for the great books that give knowledge to men
Of science fiction figures and the laws of the land
But most of all thank you for the Book of Life eternally
Your Holy Bible that you taught every word to Harold Dee amen

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