

Louie the Hook Vs. The Preacher

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Some of my friends got down to Jesus
And some got down to God
He wasn't dead yet
He was just on the nod

Louie the Hook had a hunger
way down in his soul
He'd hit his destination
if hell had been his goal
He'd bruises and he'd ulcers
in places you can't guess
Safe to say that he'd made his play
but Louis was a mess

Now Louie needed money
in a very desperate way
He could feel his hour approaching
he was turning very grey
When down the road come
a preacher hustlin' for the Lord
He laid his eyes on Louie
but he did not speak a word

Preacher looked at Louie
and he broke out in a grin
I'd rightly say
by your shade of grey, baby
I know the fix you're in
Louie just kept a-staring
thinking he'd hit the mark
I'll get on your wagon, Preacher
you just put the horse before the cart

The Preacher's eyes grew molten
and he shouted to the Lord
" 'fore I'm done he'll talk in tongues
and he shall know the word"
Upon his book he pounded
as Louie began to sweat
If life is just a gamble

he thought he'd lost the bet
But the Preacher had a silken suit
and a new hog down the street
And rocks on every finger,
man, he was cool, if not discreet

So Louie sized the Preacher
looking deep within his soul
The way he's decked I'd reckon
he's got a thousand dollar roll
The Preacher raged, the Preacher roared
'til a crowd had come to stare
And Louie the Hook got religion
down on his knees in prayer

When up jumped Louie shaking crying
"I have seen the light"
The Preacher he was chuckling
you know he thought he'd won the fight
But Louie, quick as crystal
got the spirit to his feet
He passed the hat, he got sixty bucks
and he beat it on down the street

Truck on, Louie...

Now, a story needs a moral
As a song must have an end
And junkies and preachers
a man don't need for friends
Life is just a hustle
You got to pay for your mistakes
But if Jesus Christ was a preacher
He got the short end of the take

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