

# It Ain't Necessarily So

## Ella Fitzgerald

[Sportin' Life]  
It ain't necessarily so,

[All]  
It ain't necessarily so.  
[Sportin' Life:]  
De t'ings dat yo li'ble  
To read in de Bible -  
It ain't necessarily so.  
Lil' David was small, but oh my!

[All]  
Lil' David was small, but oh my!  
Sportin' Life:  
He fought Big Goliath  
Who lay down and dieth -  
Lil' David was small, but oh my!  
Wadoo!

[Ensemble]  
Wadoo!

[Sportin' Life]  
Zim bam boddle-oo!

[Ensemble]  
Zim bam boddle-oo!

[Sportin' Life]  
Hoodle ah da waah da!

[Ensemble]  
Hoodle ah da waah da!

[Sportin' Life]  
Scatty way!

[Ensemble]  
Scatty wah!

[Sportin' Life]

Yeah!

Oh Jonah, he lived in de whale

[All]

Oh Jonah, he lived in de whale.

[Sportin' Life]

Fo' he made his home in

Dat fish's abdomen -

Oh Jonah, he lived in de whale.

Lil' Moses was found in a stream

[All]

Lil' Moses was found in a stream

[Sportin' Life]

He floated on water

'Til Ole' Pharaoh's daughter

She fished him, she says from dat stream.

Wadoo!

[Ensemble]

Wadoo!

[Sportin' Life]

Zim bam boddle-oo!

[Ensemble]

Zim bam boddle-oo!

[Sportin' Life]

Hoodle ah da waah da!

[Ensemble]

Hoodle ah da waah da!

[Sportin' Life]

Scatty way!

[Ensemble]

Scatty wah!

[Sportin' Life]

Yeah!

It ain't necessarily so

[All]

It ain't necessarily so

[Sportin' Life]

Dey tell all you chillun

De Debble's a villun

But 'tain't necessarily so.

To get into Hebbben

Don't snap fo' a sebben -

Live clean! Don' have no fault!

Oh, I takes dat gospel

Whenever it's pos'ple -

But wid a grain of salt!

Methus'lah lived nine hundred years,

[All]

Methus'lah lived nine hundred years,

[Sportin' Life]

But who calls dat livin'

When no gal'll give in

To no man what's nine hundred years?

I'm preachin' dis sermon to show

It ain't nessa, ain't nessa,

Ain't nessa, ain't nessa -

[All]

It ain't necessarily so!

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