

# Church

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Well I went to church last Sunday, so I could sing and pray  
But something quite unusual happened on that day  
The church it started right on time, just like it does without a doubt  
And everything was all just fine except when it came time to let us out  
You know the preacher, he kept preaching  
He told us, "I have one more thing to say  
Children before you think of leaving  
You better think about the Judgment Day"  
And now, now everyone got nervous  
Because everyone was hungry too  
And everyone was wondering  
What was the next thing he would do  
And the, the preacher, he kept preaching  
He said, "Now I'll remind you if I may  
You all better pay attention  
And I might decide to preach all day"  
And now everyone was getting so hungry  
That the, the old ones started feeling ill  
And the weak ones started passing out  
And the young ones, they could not sit still  
And the, the preacher's voice rose higher  
I snuck up on the balcony  
And I crept into the choir and I begged them  
Brothers, sisters, help me please  
I said, "When I give you a signal "  
I said, "When I raise up my hand  
Won't you please join with me?  
Together and praise the Lord, I have a plan"  
And the preacher he kept preaching  
Long is the struggle, hard the fight  
And I prayed, Father please forgive me  
I stood up and with all my might I sang  
To the Lord let praises be  
It's time for dinner now let's go eat  
We've got some beans and some good cornbread  
I listened to what the preacher said  
Now it's to the Lord let praises be  
It's time for dinner now, let's go eat  
Yes and I did give a signal yes

And I raised up my hands  
Joined with me the choir  
Yes every woman, child, and man they sang  
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And the preacher, he stopped preaching  
And a hush the church did fill  
And then a, a great white dove from up above  
Landed on the window sill  
And the dove flew down beside him  
And a, a fork appeared right in his hand  
And with everybody watching  
Preacher ate that bird right there and then

And now everyone got really nervous  
And the preacher he did start to glow  
And as we watched on in disbelief  
These were the words he spoke  
He said, "Now mama's in the kitchen  
She's been there all day  
And I know she's cooking something good  
So bow our heads and pray and he sang"  
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I listened to what the preacher said  
Now it's to the Lord let praised be  
It's time for dinner now, let's go eat  
And the moral of this story  
Children it is plain but true  
God knows if a preacher preaches long enough  
Even he'll get hungry too and he'll sing  
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