

DRY BONES (traditional North Carolina)

In addition to a great chorus, this song gives you five different Bible stories in very condensed form. I'm joined on the choruses by Dennis Cook, Mary LaMarca, Lisa Null, & George Stephens.

Enoch lived to be three-hundred and sixty-five
And then the Lord came down and took him up to heaven alive.

Chorus:

I saw, I saw the light from heaven
Come shining all around.
I saw the light come shining.
I saw the light come down.

Paul bound in prison, and the prison walls fell down
And then the prison keeper shouted, "Redeeming Love I've found."

When Moses saw the burning bush he walked it round and round.
And then the Lord said, "Moses, you're treading on holy ground.

Dry bones in the valley got up and took a little walk.
And then the deaf could hear, and the dumb in the valley could talk.

Adam and Eve in the garden underneath a sycamore tree.
And then Eve said, "Adam, Old Satan is a-tempting me."

*I learned this song from Lisa Neustadt and the singing of Bascom Lamar Lunsford on Smithsonian Folkways **Anthology of American Folk Music**. Mr. Lunsford recorded the song in 1928 and said he first heard "Dry Bones" from a traveling Black preacher named Romney who came through western NC.*

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