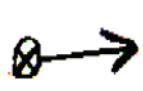


"Jonah and the Whale"

Louis Armstrong

from *Louis and The Good Book*, 1958.



from 

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on ¹⁾  ²⁾ ...


up ¹⁾  ²⁾ 

down ¹⁾  ²⁾ 

after   

away 




around ¹⁾ 




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Jonah was a man got a word _____ the Lord
"Go and preach the Gospel ___ the sinful land"
But he got ___ a ship and he tried to get _____
And he ran _____ a storm ___ the middle ___ the sea

Now the Lord, He made the waves just a-roll ___ high
The ship begin¹ ___ sink and they _____ begin ___ cry

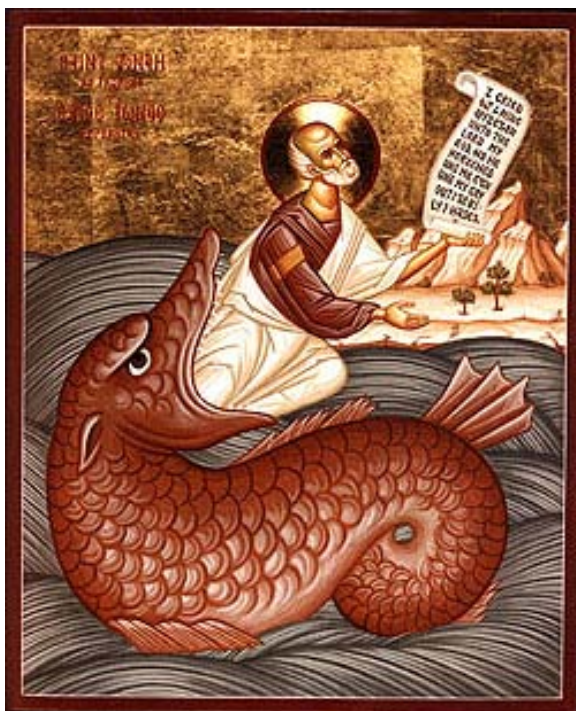


So they pulled old Jonah ___ of the hole
And they jumped him ___ the water just to lighten ___ the load



Now the Lord made a whale, long and wide
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish ! ²
And he swallowed _____ Jonah, hair and hide
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish !
Mmm, Lord, mmm, Lord

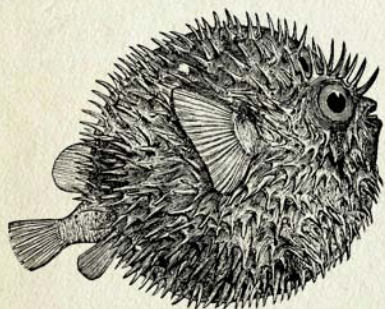
Now Jonah started to pray ___ the belly ___ the whale
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish !
He repented ___ his sins _____ a man ___ jail
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish !
Mmm, Lord, mmm, Lord



¹ unusual use of the verbal base (past tense "began" is more standard storytelling)

² wasn't that a fish?

Now Jonah must've been a bad man,
 he must've been a sinner
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish !
 Coz' _____ the whale got him _____,
 he didn't like his dinner
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish !
 Mmm, Lord, mmm, Lord



Well he swung³ _____ the ocean, sick __ he could be
Lord, Lord, wasn't that a fish !
 And _____ three days, whoops! he had __ set him free
Lord, Lord, wasn't that a fish ! mmm

So the whale spit Jonah _____ the dry land
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish !
 And he went __⁴ __ preaching _____ a
 righteous man
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish !
 Then the people quit their sins
 when they heard him __ the town
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish !
 So when you hear the call,
 don't you turn the Gospel _____⁵
Lord, Lord, wadn'at a fish, hmmm?



³ more conventional is "swam" (swim, swam, swum).

Compare "swing" (swing, swung, swung)

⁴ continuative "on" ...

⁵ phrasal verb: turn _____