

Rhythm Guitar

Johnny Paycheck

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A preacher I once talked to in Washington DC
Told me that preachin' the gospel isn't all that it should be
I said it didn't really surprise me but I've often wondered why
I'll never forget the words he said or the look that came to his eye

When he said

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I once shared a pizza with a pop star on a New York City street
He was the most unhappy prophet you'd ever want to meet
He said he really wanted to change the world but he couldn't imagine how
But he'd written a song about what's gone wrong and I'm a-singin' it to you now

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