

## Preaching Up A Storm

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They were down by the river on that Lincoln County shore  
Singing Peace In The Valley and preaching up a storm

There was a crowd gathered down by the river  
Where me and Benny Thompson used to play  
I wondered if they had enough a water  
To wash old Lester Harper's sins away  
Cause I heard Miss Ida whisper he's too lost to save

Well they would sing and it would rain and it was frightening  
Some things are hard to understand when you're eight  
I can still hear the thunder and see the lightning  
When Preacher Hayes raised his hands to pray  
I could feel my body tremble cause I was so afraid

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I was there but I could barely hear the sermon  
I was scared and didn't care to get up close  
I heard him tell 'em something was a burning  
And then he shouted something about a ghost  
And when they walked down in the water  
Sister Harper hollered please don't let him go

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