The Sermon of Samson

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You read about ol' Samson you read about his birth Well, Samson was the strongest man that ever walked on earth Now, the Bible tells us down in ancient times
That he killed ten thousand of those Philistines

You see one day ol' Samson was walkin' alone And a-looked on the ground and spied an old jawbone And then he picked up that jawbone and swung it 'round his head When that jawbone came down now ten thousand were dead

If I had my way
Well, if I had my way
If I had my way in this wicked world
I would tear this building down.

And if I had my way
Well, if I had my way
If I had my way in this wicked world
I would tear this building down

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Delilah was a woman both fine and fair She was so good lookin' with her coal black hair That she drove poor Samson right out of his mind When he saw that woman of the Philistines

And now that wicked Delilah she talked so fair That poor Samson revealed, "If I shaved my head If I shave my head just as clean as your hand My strength will be just like a natural man"

If I had my way
Well, if I had my way
If I had my way in this wicked world
I would tear this building down

And if I had my way ...
Well, if I had my way ...
If I had my way in this wicked world
I would tear this building down

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

So, Samson shaved his head just as clean as your hand And his strength became just like a natural man And then they took ol' Samson they took him by surprise And they picked up a stick and then they punched out his eyes

And then they took ol' Samson to the judgment hall
And then they chained ol' Samson to that stone cold wall
And then they left him there 'til his hair grew brown
And then the good Lord gave him strength to tear that building down

And if I had my way

If I had my way

If I had my way in this wicked world

I would tear this building down

And if I had my way
If I had my way
If I had my way Great God, Almighty
I would tear this building down