

# Balaam

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Balaam was a prophet about the time that Moses was  
Coming through  
And every now and again God'd speak to him and tell him  
What to say and do  
He had a reputation in all those parts for bein' on the  
Line of power  
And when Moab's king heard Moses was comin' he called  
Him in his neady hour

He said, "Balaam come and curse these Israelites  
If you do I believe I could beat 'em in a fight!"  
But when Balaam asked the Lord, the Lord said, "Balaam  
Don't you go  
Israel is blessed by Me, don't you go mess up My show"  
But Balaam's head was turned by the money he could earn  
So he saddled up his donkey anyway

Balaam and his servants hurried off for the King of  
Moab's castle  
But they hadn't gone very far down the road when the  
Whole trip became a hassle  
Because the donkey ran off across a field, then she  
Nearly broke Balaam's ankle  
But when she lay right down and wouldn't get up Balaam  
Got a little more than rankled

For the third time Balaam beat her with his cane  
But that donkey just refused to move again  
It was the thing that happened next though, that made  
Balaam's knees get weak

Well, that donkey still would not get up but she began  
To speak  
She said, "Balaam you're to blame, the way you beat me  
Is a shame  
'Cause all I've done is tried to save your life!"

Then the Angel of the Lord appeared with a flamin'  
Sword in his hand  
Balaam fell down on his face, a very frightened man  
The Angel said, "Balaam, you'd be dead if your donkey  
Hadn't detected  
That I was waitin' there to part your hair when you and  
My sword connected"

Balaam then repented for his sin  
And he promised not to act like that again  
And I hope he learned his lesson about God's reward for  
Greed  
But you know it's that talkin' donkey that's really  
Strange indeed  
Now that donkey's just a donkey but she's still the  
Thing God used  
And that's the point I want you all to see

The Lord's the one who makes the choice of the  
Instrument He's usin'

We don't know the reasons and the plans behind His  
Choosin'  
So when the Lord starts usin' you don't you pay it any  
Mind  
He 'could have used the dog next door if He'd been so  
Inclined