

# He Reached Down

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A certain man one day did go down to Jericho  
Fallin' among thieves along the way  
Well they stripped him then they fled  
Leaving him for dead  
Lying on the side of the road

And then the priest came passing by  
He crossed over to the other side  
Then the Levite came and he did just the same

When the Samaritan heard his cry  
He just could not pass on by  
He dressed his wounds and he carried to the nearest inn

Well he reached down, he reached down  
He got right there on the ground  
He reached down, he reached down  
And he touched the pain

He paid the keeper the amount that was due  
If you need more he said I'm good for that too  
He reached down, he reached down  
And he touched the pain

And then the Scribes in the Pharicese  
Brought the adultress in for Jesus to see  
Lord, she's sinned, now the law says she must be stoned  
If there's a one of you that's without sin  
Said you can cast the first stone in  
One by one they left, leaving Jesus and the woman alone

Well no accusers are left that I see  
And Woman, neither do I condemn thee  
He reached down, he reached down  
And he touched the pain

In the (Bible??) a story is told  
About a traveler at the end of life's road  
He's at the gates of the Kingdom and the Master says "Come on in"  
For I was hungry and you gave me meat  
I was cold you put shoes on my feet  
When I was in prison there was you who come to see about me

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You got right there on the ground  
You reached down, you reached down  
And you touched my pain

When you're debted to the least of these  
He said you were doin' it unto me  
You reached down, you reached down  
And you touched my pain

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And he touched the pain