

# The Good Book

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Life is like an ocean voyage and our bodies are the  
ships  
And without a moral compass we would all be cast adrift  
So to keep us on our bearings, the Lord gave us a gift  
And like most gifts you get, it was a book

I only read one book, but it's a good book, don't you  
know  
I act the way I act because the Good Book tells me so  
If I wanna know how to be good, it's to the Good Book  
that I go  
'Cos the Good Book is a book and it is good and it's a  
book

I know the Good Book's good because the Good Book says  
it's good  
I know the Good Book knows it's good because a really  
good book would  
You wouldn't cook without a cookbook and I think it's  
understood  
You can't be good without a Good Book 'cos it's good  
and it's a book  
And it is good for cookin'

I tried to read some other books, but I soon gave up on  
that  
The paragraphs ain't numbered and they complicate the  
facts  
I can't read Harry Potter 'cos they're worshipping  
false gods and that  
And Dumbledore's a poofter and that's bad, 'cos it's  
not good

Morality is written there in simple white and black  
I feel sorry for you heathens, got to think about all  
that  
Good is good and evil's bad and goats are good and pigs  
are crap  
You'll find which one is which in the Good Book, 'cos  
it's good  
And it's a book, and it's a book

I had a cat, she gave birth to a litter  
The kittens were adorable and they made my family laugh  
But as they grew they started misbehavin'  
So I drowned the little fuckers in the bath  
When the creatures in your care start being menaces  
The answers can be found right there in Genesis!  
Chapter 6, Verse 5-7!

Swing your partner by the hand  
Have a baby if you can  
But if the voices your head  
Say to sacrifice your kid  
To satiate your loving God's  
Fetish for dead baby blood  
It's simple faith, the Book demands

So raise that knife up in your hand!

Before the Good Book made us good, there was no good way to know  
If a thing was good or not that good or kind of touch and go  
So God decided he'd give writing allegoric prose a go  
And so he wrote a book and it was generally well-received

The Telegraph said, "This God is reminiscent of the Norse."  
The Times said, "Kind of turgid, but I liked the bit with horses."  
The Mail said, "Lots of massacres, a violent tour de force.  
If you only read one book this year, then this one is a book  
And it is good, and it's a book!"

Swing your daughter by the hand  
But if she gets raped by a man  
And refuses then to marry him  
Stone her to death!

If you just close your eyes and block your ears  
To the accumulated knowledge of the last two thousand years  
Then morally, guess what? You're off the hook  
And thank Christ you only have to read one book

Just because the book's contents  
Were written generations hence  
By hairy desert-dwelling gents  
Squatting in their dusty tents  
Just because what Heaven said  
Was said before they'd leavened bread  
Just 'cos Jesus couldn't read  
Doesn't mean that we should need  
When manipulating human genes  
To alleviate pain and fight disease  
When deciding whether it's wrong or right  
To help the dyin' let go of life  
Or stop a pregnancy when it's  
Just a tiny blastocyst  
There's no reason why we should take a look  
At any other book  
But the Good Book  
'Cause it's good  
And it's a book  
And it's a book  
And it's quite good!

Good is good and evil's bad  
And kids get killed when God gets mad  
And you'd better take a good look  
At the Good Book