



JONAH & THE WHALE

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Do you know this story from the bible, how the business of forgiveness is justifiable?
I mention a whale, but it was just a big fish. When tellin' a story, you can say what you wish.

CHORUS: JONAH, JONAH, JONAH AND THE WHALE

In the city of Nineveh, things were all wrong. There was rape and murder from dusk to dawn.
Stealing, lying, cursing...all day long. The people needed to try a new song.
God told Jonah to go to this place. Save the people from such disgrace.
No, Jonah cried, I'm not doing that job. I'm afraid of those people. He complained to God.

CHORUS

Listening to God - No way. He would simply run away.
Jonah thought he was smart and hid on a ship, heading far out to sea, a guilt-free trip.
You can try to escape responsibility. But to hide from God Almighty?
When he got on board, a mighty wind blew. God is everywhere but who knew?

CHORUS

Down below Jonah was sleeping. While the boat tossed, practically sinking.
To save themselves from the wrath of the Lord, the sailors had to throw Jonah overboard.
A whale opened wide and swallowed him whole. It was clear, who was in control.
Deep in the gizzards, he was thrown. There is wisdom to be learned in the unknown.

CHORUS

He prayed to God. Asked to be forgiven. .Apologies can change the way you're livin'
The Lord said, 'Jonah do what I say. Tell the people to change their ways.'
The big fish spewed Jonah on the shore. Jonah ran warning, "Sin no more!"
The people listened, said they'd heard. And would live, according to God's word. **CHORUS**

God forgave Jonah from running away, God forgave the people who went astray.
We must all forgive no matter what. Because anger, spoils your own heart.
Forgiveness is for you not for the other. Choose to rise above, don't let it smother
the peace you deserve. Let go of the hate. Forgive. Don't wait. **CHORUS**

To apologize, it takes a strong person. To forgive? that's harder for certain.
To hurt another is never okay. 'I accept your apology' is what you say.
Learn to forgive. Be smart. Give yourself a gift, a fresh start.
This is the way to start a new year. Here's to forgiveness. L'Chaim. Cheers! **CHORUS**