

# The Exodus Rap

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The Children of Israel, once so prosperous and brave. They were made to sweat and work and toil and slave. Cities of Egypt they were ordered to build. It broke up their spirit, yes it broke up their will. Bricks and mortar they were forced to make by hand. They mixed their salty tears with the clay and with the sand

Afraid of Hebrew power, Pharaoh made a new decree: "A Jewish baby born a boy will drown in the sea" Yocheved wove a basket, sent Moses down the Nile. His sister Miriam hid and watched him for a while. He floated near the place where the princess bathed. She picked him up, fell in love, and Moses was saved.

## Chorus

Pharaoh Pharaoh, Oh Oh, let my people go. Yeah yeah yeah yeah (to: Louie, Louie)

By Pharaoh's daughter in a palace Moses was raised. And as he grew he watched his people suffer as slaves. He killed a task-master for mistreating a slave. Yes, Moses took a risk, so that a Hebrew could be saved. Then he ran away from Egypt through desert sand, to live in Mideon, a faraway land.

He saw a bush on fire from which came a strange voice. "Set the Israelites free." He had no choice. "I'm afraid to meet with that nasty Pharaoh king! He'll take one look, and my neck he'll ring!" "Don't argue with me" said the Almighty God. Moses zipped his lips, gave a respectful nod.

## Chorus

Moses made his way to the Egyptian King, to demand Pharaoh face what was happening. "Set my people free, or God will send plagues." He spelled it all out. He was not vague. Blood, frogs, darkness, he named them all. Ten plagues on Egypt would befall.

So Moses gathered up the Israelite band, To lead them through the desert to the promised land. They feared the Sea of Reeds asking, "How can we get across this vast, deep and ominous sea?" Moses raised his staff. The waters split in two! What an awesome scene! They hurried on through. Pharaoh followed with his chariots, thought he'd win. But the waters - SWISH- came a-rushing in!

## Chorus