

The Devil and St. Pete

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Devil decided to go for a swim
All on a summer's day
Devil decided to go for a swim
Went to the river and then he jumped in
Went to the river and then he jumped in
All on a summer's day

He held his nose and then he dove down
All on a summer's day
Held his nose and then he dove down
Water boilin' all around
Water boilin' all around
All on a summer's day

A fisherman was passing him by
All on a summer's day
Fisherman was passing him by
Thought it a school of fish he spied
Thought it a school of fish he spied
All on a summer's day

The fisherman, he let out his reel
All on a summer's day
Fisherman, he let out his reel
Caught the Devil there by the heel
Caught the Devil there by the heel
All on a summer's day

Devil he said, "You must let me go!"
All on a summer's day
Devil he said, "You must let me go,
I've business in the Down Below.
Business in the Down Below."
All on a summer's day

Fisherman said, "I caught you fair."
All on a summer's day
Fisherman said, "I caught you fair.
I'm taking you in to the market square.
Taking you in to the market square."
All on a summer's day

"You can't do that!" the Devil he said.
All on a summer's day
"You can't do that!" the Devil he said.
"I'll not be a man with a price on me head.
I'll not be a man with a price on me head!"
All on a summer's day

"What would you have me do with you then?"
All on a summer's day
"What would you have me do with you then?
Throw you back in the water again?" [Yes!]
"Throw me back in the water again!"
All on a summer's day

"Won't throw you back till you say a prayer."
All on a summer's day
"Won't throw you back till you say a prayer.
Ask for Heaven your soul to spare
Ask for Heaven your soul to spare."
All on a summer's day

The Devil he said how can this be
All on a summer's day
Devil he said, "How can this be?
I'd make you rich if you set me free.
Make you rich if you set me free."
All on a summer's day

"It's not for money I fish in the sea."
All on a summer's day
"It's not for money I fish in the sea.
I fish for souls to set them free.
Fish for souls to set them free."
All on a summer's day

"What sort of fisherman are you then?"
All on a summer's day
"What sort of fisherman are you then?"
"My name is Peter, the Fisher of Men.
My name is Peter, the Fisher of Men!"
All on a summer's day