The Preacher and the Slave

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Long-haired preachers
come out every night
Try to tell you what's wrong
and what's right
But when asked how
'bout something to eat
They will answer
with voices so sweet

You will eat, bye and bye In that glorious land above the sky Work and Pray, live on hay You'll get pie in the sky when you die

And the starvation army they play And they sing and they clap and they pray Till they get all your coin on the drum Then they tell you when you are on the bum

You will eat, bye and bye In that glorious land above the sky Work and Pray, live on hay You'll get pie in the sky when you die

If you fight hard for children and wife Try to get something good in this life You're a sinner and bad man, they tell When you die you will sure go to hell You will eat, bye and bye In that glorious land above the sky Work and Pray, live on hay You'll get pie in the sky when you die Workingmen of all countries unite Side by side we for freedom will fight When the world and its wealth we have gained To the grafters we'll sing this refrain

You will eat, bye and bye When you've learned how to cook and to fry Chop some wood, 'twill do you good And you'll eat in the sweet bye and bye

Informazioni

Da IWW Songbook 1911, Edition Tune "In the Sweet Bye and Bye"