

# Tim Minchin, The Good Book

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 want to know how to be good  
It's to the Good Book that I go  
Cause 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  
Cause 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  
Cause they're worshiping false gods and that  
And Dumbledore's a poofier  
And that's bad cause 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  
Cause it's good and it's a book  
And it's a book (yeah!)

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 misbehaving  
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 six, verse five through seven! Yee-haw!

Swing your partner by the hand  
Have a baby if you can  
But if the voices in 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 hands

Before the Good Book made us good  
There was no good way to know  
If a thing was good or not-not 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' Yee-haw!

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 cause Jesus couldn't read  
Doesn't mean that we should need

When manipulating human genes  
To alleviate pain or fight disease  
When deciding whether it's wrong or right  
To help the dying 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  
You better take a good look  
At the Good Book