There Once Was A Man
(based on Wellerman)

MALE SOLO	1.	There once was a man who walked with God, a righteous man, who feared the Lord. Old Noah heard what God did say: this wicked world is done. (Huh)	
ALL (EACH TIME)		*Soon may the Covenant come,* *from thunder clouds to shining sun,* *then will the holy one* *reveal the Arc of God.*	
ALL MALE	2.	With Shem and Ham and Japheth too Old Noah set to build his crew. The cypress trees came tumblin' down, the keel was laid for good. (Huh)	*Soon may…*
ALL FEMALE	3.	The ship did rise above the trees, far distant from the nearest seas. The people came to take a look and smirked at Noah's boat. (Huh)	*Soon may…*
FEMALE SOLO	4.	The roof was fixed, the pitch did seal, the door was opened wide with zeal. The animals came in two by two to find a place onboard. (Huh)	*Soon may…*
MALE SOLO	5.	That awful day when the rains did fall, the earth did weep and people bawl, as judgement day arrived for all, Old Noah's ark did bob. (Huh)	*Soon may…*
TENORS (BARI. & BASSES: Ooh…)	6.	For forty days and forty nights, the rain came down, there was no sight, and huddled deep in timbered frame, creation's remnant lodged. (Huh)	*Soon may…*
S., A. & T.	7.	The rains did cease, the water fell, and a dove returned to break the spell, becalmed upon the sea they dwelt, until they ran aground. (Huh)	*Soon may…*
MALE SOLO WITH HARMONY	8.	'This ground I will not curse again, be fruitful now, let life be gain,' so said the Lord to Noah's ain, with rainbow sign and seal. (Huh)	*Soon may… x2*

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