

The Ninevites

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G-d knows, and G-d can see what there is to see
They throw their candy wrappers on the ground
They take things they never owned from the lost and found
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G-d told me that I should warn them to change their ways
I ran away to sea, I didn't stop to think or pray
Then came the rain, a stormy gale
I jumped overboard, swallowed by a whale
Sat there thinking hard for 3 long days

The whale coughed me up when I had changed my mind
I went to Nineveh to see what I might find
The things I'd heard now could be seen
All those Ninevites, just acting mean
Told them to leave their nasty ways behind

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The Ninevites said "You're right! We've been doing wrong.
And we'll change our ways, so won't you change your song?"
They stopped using poisons, they grew organic gardens
They asked if they could beg G-d's pardon
But I'll sing what I've been singing all along

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instrumental break

Well, I felt kinda bad, so I sat down under a tree
And that's the place where G-d's voice came to me
"Do you really need someone to hate?
Anyone can change before it's too late."
It's not too late for me to finally see

That the Ninevites are really just like me
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This short piece that gave me the basic ideas for "The Ninevites"-

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