

Prayer

(Dedicated to Dr. Seuss and "Sam I am")

I am Ray

Ray I say

That Ray-I-say!

That Ray-I-say!

I do not like

that Ray-I-say!

Do you like to pray?

I do not like to pray, Ray-I-say.

I do not like to pray.

Would you like to pray here or there?

I would not like to pray here or there.

I would not like to pray anywhere.

I do not like to pray.

I do not like to pray, Ray-I-say.

Would you like to pray in a shack?

Would you like to pray with a yak?

I do not like to pray in a shack.

I do not like to pray with a yak.

I do not like to pray here or there.

I do not like to pray anywhere.

I do not like to pray.

I do not like to pray, Ray-I-say.

Would you pray in a domicile?

Would you pray with a crocodile?

Not in a shack.

Not with a yak.

Not in a domicile.

Not with a crocodile.

I would not like to pray here or there.

I would not like to pray anywhere.

I do not like to pray.

I do not like to pray, Ray-I-say.

Would you? Could you?

On a bus?

Pray now! Pray now!

Without a fuss.

I would not, could not, on a bus.

You may like to pray.
You will be free.
You may like to pray with your tea!

I would not, could not with my tea.
Not on a bus! You let me be.
I do not like to pray in a domicile.
I do not like to pray with a crocodile.
I do not like to pray in a shack.
I do not like to pray with a yak.
I do not like to pray here or there.
I do not like to pray anywhere.
I do not like to pray.
I do not like to pray, Ray-I-say.

In the rain! In the rain!
In the rain! In the rain!
Could you, would you, in the rain?

Not in the rain! Not with my tea!
Not on a bus! Ray! Let me be!
I do not like to pray in a domicile.
I do not like to pray with a crocodile.
I do not like to pray in a shack.
I do not like to pray with a yak.
I do not like to pray here or there.
I do not like to pray anywhere.
I do not like to pray.
I do not like to pray, Ray-I-say.

Say!
In the park? Here in the park!
Would you, could you, in the park?

I would not, could not, in the park.

Would you, could you, in Spain?

I would not, could not, in Spain.
Not in the park. Not in the rain.
Not on a bus. Not with my tea.
I do not like to pray, Ray, you see.
Not in a shack. Not with a yak.
Not in a domicile. Not with a crocodile.
I will not pray here or there.
I do not like to pray anywhere!

You do not like pray?

I do not like pray, Ray-I-say.

Could you, would you, with Joseph's coat?

I would not, could not, with Joseph's coat!

Would you, could you, on a float?

I could not, would not, on a float.

I will not, will not, with Joseph's coat.

I will not pray in Spain.

I will not pray in the rain.

Not in the park! Not with my tea!

Not on a bus! You let me be!

I do not like to pray in a domicile.

I do not like to pray with a crocodile.

I do not like to pray in a shack.

I do not like to pray with a yak.

I do not like to pray here or there.

I do not like to pray anywhere.

I do not like to pray.

I do not like to pray, Ray-I-say.

You do not like to pray.

So you say.

Try to! Try to!

And you may.

Try to pray and you may, I say.

Ray!

If you will let me be, I will try to pray.

You will see.

<at which point in our story, the heretofore tormented hero cautiously kneels and starts to pray>

Say!

I like to pray!

I do! I like to pray, Ray-I-say!

And I would pray with Joseph's coat.

And I would pray on a float...

And I will pray in Spain.

And in the park. And in the rain.

And in a bus. And with my tea.

Praying is so good, so good, you see!

So I will pray on the mat.

And I will even pray with a yak.

And I will pray in a domicile.
And I will pray with a crocodile.
And I will pray here and there.
Say! I will pray ANYWHERE!

I do so like to pray!

Thank you,
Thank you!

Ray-I-say!