

Where's that Preacher with the Rabbi's Wife?

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"Where's that Preacher with the Rabbi's Wife?" is an American reel in 2/4 time and G Major. The parts are played AABB.

This title is a euphemism for the original title which was either "Where's That Nigger with the White Man's Wife?" or "Nigger ran off with the White Man's Wife". This title comes from Rayna Gellert's recording on **Ways of the World** (2000). Another title attempting to sanitize the title is "Miscegenation".

The source for the tune and title was Ethel Harmon "Red" Abbott, of Mattoon, Coles County, east-central Illinois. Abbott was born in 1895 in Old Lebanon, Missouri and brother to another musical informant, Jess Abbott. It was collected in 1979 by musician and regional collector Gary Harrison. Similarly, Estill Bingham, of Bell County, Kentucky, an elderly fiddler recorded by Bob Butler in the 1980s, played a piece he called "Rich Man Stole the Poor Man's Wife". It was recorded by Indian Creek Delta Boys on **Late for the Dance** (1978) and Rayna Gellert on **Ways of the World** (2000).