

## **Ham Operator's Lament**

**Dear Lord, please help me to learn never to say;  
“10-4 Good Buddy!” over the repeater today.  
Lord, you know I just wanna say things just right!  
Because I know there's some just wanting a fight.  
They've got nothing much better to do each day  
than to just lie there waiting for a chance to say;  
“Hey, now just who do you think you are?”  
“You know this here repeater reaches out really far!”  
Why don't you just get what ya gotta say over & done?  
“This here frequency is to be used by everyone!!”  
“No, I ain't got no time to give you a radio check!”  
“Now, move on buddy before I break your neck!!”**

**Lord, help me to remember why I even bothered to study.  
The Amateur Radio Service Rules, to some, seem so cruddy!  
I can't for the life of me figure out as to the reason  
why folks such as these are always so displeasing.  
And, Lord, please help me to never forget to ID!  
Especially when I'm on an open repeater frequency!  
I just know somebody's timing me by their little clock.  
Just so's they can deliver an ON AIR shock!!  
To quote verbatim the rules from the government's FCC.  
Hoping to embarrass the miscreants in all their glee.**

**Lord, help to know when it's the right time to Sign!  
Else they'll accuse me of thinking the frequency is mine.  
And help me not to never ever possibly forget...  
The Amateur Radio Service is more than answering a net!  
That it's a hobby to be shared by every ham licensee.  
And that we should always elmer new hams joyfully!**

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