

The Ballad of Davey the Giant-Killer

Come listen my friends and a tale you'll be told
Of a lad that was honest and faithful and bold;
With God in his heart and a stone in his sling
He went out as a child and returned as a king.
So if you will listen and lend me your ears
You too can slay giants and conquer your fears.

*Davey, O Davey I marvel in wonder
You sing like an angel then fight like all thunder!
But stop and consider: it's really not odd,
For Davey's whole heart was devoted to God!*

Goliath stepped out on the field for the fight;
His armor, his voice and demeanor, his height,
Made Israel tremble and cower in fear
And pray that this monster would just disappear!
The army of Israel froze in their places
Panic and terror were etched on their faces.

But Davey just happened to be there that day
And heard what the ogre did mockingly say:
"You're sissies and wimps – and the one you call "Lord"
Is no match for my strength or my size or my sword!
Come out and do battle and let the world know
That I and my gods are in charge of this show."

It seemed that the giant's assessment was true
For no one in Israel knew what to do.
No Scripture was quoted and none said a prayer,
The mood of the moment was deep, dark despair.
It seemed that the forces of darkness had won
Before the encounter had even begun.

Then Davey stepped forward, in passion so hot;
"I'll fight this giant; just give me one shot.
Just who does he think that he's mocking like this
He's so big and so brazen I really can't miss!
I refuse to sit still while my God he's defying;
I'll teach him a lesson... or I'll die while I'm trying!"

So Davey went forth with a sling and a prayer
And sent a rock flying up into the air,
And down came Goliath with one mighty thud;
He collapsed and he fell to the earth in the mud.
And wanting to make sure the foul monster was dead;
Davey walked over and cut off his head!

So listen, dear friends, to what Davey would say,
When giants oppose you and stand in your way:
Trust firmly in God; don't listen to fear;
His strength, and His wisdom and might will appear
Just when your status appears at its bleakest;
He loves to show off His power in the weakest.