

# Gideon

The state of Israel was under oppression,  
So God raised judges to relieve the depression.  
While Gideon was up hiding grain in the press  
The angel came with a message to profess.

Gideon did doubt so he called for a test-  
Soup on a rock for God to bless.  
Fire from heaven did consume it,  
So Gideon remodeled his father's pulpit.

His father got mad and name calling pursued.  
The name he called Gideon was really rude.  
Across the Jordan Israel's enemies were assembling,  
But the spirit of the Lord kept Gideon from trembling.

Gideon asked God to confirm his word.  
So he laid out a fleece and asked for the absurd-  
That the fleece would be wet today and dry tomorrow.  
Now that that was done Gideon had no sorrow.

Off to war Gideon did go,  
But not so fast God said, "Whoa!"  
Your warriors are too many to take  
So leave the ones who tremble and quake.

"Yet," God said, "There are still too many.  
I will shrink their number down to 15 times 20."

So take them to the river to drink  
Dispose of those who lap in sync.

Now with 300 Gideon did depart  
With torches and trumpets and pots....so smart!  
And when the enemy was fast asleep  
Gideon's army in the dark did creep.

With smashing and blowing  
Gideon charged always knowing  
That God would deliver the foe into his hand.  
Now the enemy no longer rules Israel's land.