

## **David He No Fear**

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David mind the sheep for him pa.  
Every day he drive the sheep  
He find good grass  
He find sweet water  
He mind the sheep good.

David don't humbug nobody  
And most times nobody don't humbug David.  
When he mind the sheep him heart lay down  
And he make songs.  
He make songs and he sing him songs.  
He make harp with plenty strings  
He play him harp  
He sing.

Bye-m-bye the war palaver catch Judah country  
And all the mens must go.  
The young men  
The strong men  
Take up spear and cutlass  
And they go.  
David's brothers go  
But David self no be a man  
So he stay by and mind the sheep,  
David and him pa.

Bye-m-bye the word come back  
The word say war go bad for Judah.  
The word say other people be strong too much  
And giant be for their side  
No Judah man can fight him.  
And David hear the word.

David go fore him pa face.  
He say  
"Pa,  
Make it I go find my brothers.  
Make it I carry them chop  
They can be hongry this time."  
The old man say "I agree."  
When David come to the place  
He walk about to find him brothers  
And while he look he hear somebody say  
"Oh! One man make war for we!"

Then David see the giant.  
He be high past ten men  
He be strong same way  
He got iron helmet on him head  
And more iron on him front.  
He walk about and laugh  
He say  
"Ho-ho-ho!  
Them funny Judah mens!"

They no can fight.  
Come out now so I kill you  
And if you no can fight  
Go home and find you mommies.  
Ho-ho-ho!"  
And Judah mens do fear for true.  
The Judah mens they fear to fight the giant  
But David, he no fear.  
David take him sling  
He pick up round hard rocks  
He walk out fore the giant and say  
"We God going fight for we!"  
The giant say  
"Ho! Small boy done come to say how-do."  
David say  
"I come for fight!"  
Giant say  
"Do you mommy know you out?"  
David say  
"Now I kill you!"  
Giant say  
"Go from my face less I eat you!"  
David stand.  
He put rock in him sling  
He turn it all about and round and round.  
The giant coming close  
The sling leggo.  
HmMMMM . . . . . Bop!

The giant holler out  
He hold him head  
He turn.  
He try to walk  
He fall.  
He roll  
He twist about  
He die.

David walk up close  
While all the Judah people shout  
And all the other people run.  
David take the giant cutlass self  
And cut the giant head from off him neck.  
Then David's brothers come and say  
"You fool!  
The war palaver be for men.  
Go home!  
Go home and mind the sheep."  
And David say "Now I go."