

EXODUS

*A new king of Egypt not knowing Joseph's deeds
Arose and said "These Israelites multiply at such speeds
They're mightier than we, so lest enemies they become
Put taskmasters over them to severely afflict every one".*

*But the children of Israel worked hard and with vigour
As Egyptians made them slaves serving with rigour.
The more affliction upon them the more they grew
Till Egypt's king went to midwives saying "This you will do".*

*"Of these Hebrew women you will kill all sons they bear
But all of the female babes born those you can spare".
Fearing God and His law, murder they would not commit
Making excuses to the king of Israel's women lively and fit.*

*The king then declared "This decree I deliver
Every son that is born cast it into the river!"
An Israelite woman who had a goodly child
Hid him three months while an ark she styled.*

*Made of bulrushes, she daubed it so it wouldn't sink
Then laid it in the flags down by the rivers brink,
She placed the child therein to float on the water
Saying to his sister "Go watch over him my daughter"*

*Perchance then came down Pharaoh's daughter to bathe
Her maidens spied the ark so she said "Go on in and save
And fetch it to me". When she opened it up the babe wept
Having compassion on him she said "He will be kept".*

*The babe's sister came along offering to find a nurse
Calling her mother to whom Pharaoh's daughter said "I'll imburse,
If you will nurse this child, then when he is grown
Bring him back to me and I will make him my own".*

*He then became her son and she called his name Moses
For she drew him out of the water from where he reposes.
This Moses went to visit his brethren one day, when a Hebrew
Was being smitten by an Egyptian, Moses very angry grew.*

*In his anger he slew the smiter and hid him in the sand
Then the next day he went back fighting was again at hand.
Two Hebrew's this time. He said "Why kill your fellow man then?"
They said "Who made you a judge over us, will you now kill again?"*

Pharaoh on hearing was angry and wanted then Moses to slay
But fearing for his life, Moses from his face fled away.
Arriving in Midian he sat down to rest by a well
The prince's seven daughters needed help he could tell.

They drew water for the trough to water the flock,
But the shepherds intervened driving away all the stock,
He helped them succeed then at home their father they told
He said "Bring him home to eat don't leave him out in the cold".

With this man and his family Moses was content to dwell
He was given for wife Zipporah the daughter of Reuel.
She gave him his first son they named Gershom, born in that land
"For" he said "I've been a stranger and as a foreigner I stand".

Meanwhile in Egypt in the process of time
Israelites cried to God because of bondage, all Pharaoh's design.
God then remembered the covenant He'd made long before
With Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for to bless them he had swore.

To their offspring He had respect and would then send to save
These people now living in Egypt as slaves whose distress was grave.
Meanwhile Moses was keeping his father in law's flock of sheep
And while tending he took them to the desert very deep.

He came to the back side of Horeb the mount
Where a bush was on fire but did not surmount.
So he turned to see why this fire kept on burning
God called out to him when He saw him turning.

"Moses, Moses" He called. Moses replied "Here am I"
God said "Take your shoes off your feet before you come by,
For the ground is holy whereupon you stand
I am the God of your father's, now your people need a hand".

"They are in sorrow and without all contradiction
Their need is very great as they suffer in affliction.
For their delivery I am come and to Pharaoh you will go
To bring My people out and on them blessings I will bestow".

"Who am I" cried Moses, "to do this great deed
"I will be with you" God said "As My children you lead".
Cried Moses "What name will I say when they test me with exam
To ask who has sent me?" God said "Say I AM THAT I AM".

*"He is your Father and I AM sent me to you
To answer your cries for He knows what you go through.
He will bring you out of affliction you suffer
Helping if Pharaoh won't heed and makes things tougher".*

*God said "I'll stretch out My hand and smite with all My wonder
So you can journey three days and sacrifice to Me out yonder,
In the wilderness where you'll have gone with favour
Of the Egyptians you'll spoil and then their riches you'll savour".*

*Said Moses "Why would they listen to me or obey my voice?"
God said "Miracles I will give you so they'll have no choice.
Take this rod in your hand and a serpent it'll become instead".
Moses in his fright dropped the rod and quickly fled.*

*Said God "Put forth your hand and take it by the tail
It'll become a rod again, these signs to them will prevail.
They'll listen as you prove I AM sent you to that land
As you bring forth another sign, that of a leprous hand".*

*"Then some water you can take up out of the river
Pour it on the dry land and blood to them it will deliver".
"But God my words You know" said Moses, I'm not a man of speech".
"Who made your mouth?" said God, "now go, I'll be with you to teach".*

*"O my Lord, send I pray by the hand of whom You will".
God's anger rose against Moses but He was with him still.
"Your brother Aaron, a Levite is very eloquent
He's coming now to meet you for to go with you he's sent".*

*"You'll tell him all the words I'll give to you to tell
I'll be with his mouth, as your spokesman he will speak well.
You'll be to him as God so now take your rod and go".
Moses went back to family and to see father in law Jethro.*

*He said "My brethren back in Egypt have a very great need
I must go back to see them". To this Jethro gave him heed.
"Go in peace" he said to Moses. God said "Take your wife
And sons, don't fear for all are dead in Egypt who sought your life".*

*"Tell Pharaoh, Israel is My firstborn, him you must let go
If you will not do this My punishment you will know.
You firstborn I will slay, so set My children free
Then the punishment you could suffer will not have to be".*

*Travelling to Egypt by the inn the Lord met him on the way
His intention clearly evident, him He intended to slay.
Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut foreskin off her son
"A bloody husband you are to me because of the circumcision".*

*Moses travelled on to meet his brother at the mount
They kissed then of all that had transpired Moses gave account.
Together they gathered the elders and Aaron as he'd been told
Performed signs and wonders and spoke out loud and bold.*

*The people heard all they were told and very much believed
Bowing down their heads in worship, so grateful and relieved.
The two brothers went next to Pharaoh to ask at God's behest
For freedom for Israel's people, this their solemn request.*

*Pharaoh said "Who is the Lord that I should let the people go?"
"The God of the Hebrews met with us for this command we now bestow.
We must go to the desert three day's journey or else
He will fall down upon us with the sword and pestilence".*

*Pharaoh said "Get back to your burdens for why should you rest?
No more straw will be given you, that'll put you to the test.
Gather now your own and deliver bricks the same amount
Don't diminish in the quantity, there'll be a strict count".*

*The people said "We cannot, we're being beaten and it's not our fault".
The officer's of the people took the complaint to Moses, afraid of revolt.
Moses said "Lord why have You Your people now so evilly treated?
Since I came to Pharaoh over and over this evil he's repeated".*

*God said "Now you will see what before Pharaoh I will perform
With strong hand he'll set them free or his land I will deform.
By the name of God Almighty I came to your father's
But by my name Jehovah I was not known to your brother's".*

*"My covenant is with them to take them out and into Canaan
Strangers they'll be but will have good things with no restraining.
I'll redeem you all with judgement and with a stretched out arm
And take you for a people who will come to no harm".*

*But the bondage continued very cruel and the days very long
They despaired of Moses now their burdens were even more strong.
"They won't listen" moaned Moses, Pharaoh is now likewise
For I'm of uncircumcised lips and one he does despise".*

*The heads of the father's houses with them and their sons
Were noted to be brought out with all their little ones.
God said "Moses you are one I have made unto Pharaoh a god
Aaron your brother a prophet with you as you carry the rod".*

*At the time of going to Pharaoh Aaron was aged eighty three
Moses was three years younger, four score years that would be.
God said "Cast down now your rod, let a serpent Pharaoh behold".
"Wise men and sorcerers come forth!" cried Pharaoh quite bold.*

*They too made theirs turn to serpents but were amazed when
Aaron's rod swallowed theirs, but still Pharaoh hardened again.
God said "Go out to the water at the day's new dawning
Pharaoh goes out there first thing in the morning.*

*Take the rod and use it again and if Pharaoh hasn't learned
Smite it on the waters and into blood then they'll be turned.
All the fish will then die and the waters they will stink".
This would leave the people with no water to bathe or drink,*

*To add to Egyptian troubles their magicians copied this feat
Pharaoh's heart was hardened, their request he would not meet.
Now all the land to the borders was covered over with frogs
In the houses, bedchambers, ovens and kneading troughs.*

*Their magicians then made more. Pharaoh said "This is enough!
Take away these pesky frogs and I'll be no longer tough".
Moses asked "When will it be then and we'll make them all depart?"
"Tomorrow" said Pharaoh. "Right" said Moses "then we will start".*

*Dead frogs were lying everywhere and the stench quite extreme
Surely they could go now, he would let them it would seem.
But with the frogs now all dead and this needed respite
Pharaoh hardened his heart, so the next plague came to light.*

*The land filled up with lice, man beast and in all the dust of earth
The magicians could not do it though they tried for all their worth.
"This is the finger of God" they said, but Pharaoh would not heed
Stubbornly resisting. Then God said, "Another plague you'll need".*

*"Your land will now be covered with swarms of flies
I'll sever My people in Goshen, this separation I'll devise.
It will be a sign between your people and Mine
And tomorrow I will show you by this identifying sign".*

*"I will let you go" said Pharoah "But you mustn't go too far".
"So I'll entreat these flies" said Moses "to go from where you are".
But again Pharoah reneged and hardened like a rock,
Even though the flies died, so the next plague came upon his stock,*

*Sheep, oxen, asses and camels, cattle and horses suffered a murrain
A very greivous illness, but Israel was protected again.
They lost none of their stock but Egypt's cattle all died
Nevertheless Pharoah stayed hard although so sorely tried.*

*God said "Take handfuls of ashes Moses, sprinkle them towards heaven
Do this in the sight of Pharoah who is a man so full of leaven.
To humble him again boils will break forth on them all
With blains to afflict them, on man and beast they will fall".*

*The magicians then went back because of the boils
But Pharoah opposing them, for another plague spoils.
"Alright" God said "you'll now have My plagues on your heart
On your servants and people if you won't let My people depart".*

*"In this next pestilence to come on you My power I'll show
You'll be cut off from earth if you don't let them go.
I have raised you for this so that I may reveal My power
That My name be declared throughout earth from this hour".*

*"Soon your next trial is coming, raining down greivous hail
Such as you've not had in Egypt but it is coming without fail.
Gather your stock under cover or those left out in the field
Along with your servants will suffer, it will not be repealed".*

*Down came the thunder hail and fire right along the ground
But up in the land of Goshen no damage was to be found.
"This is enough" cried Pharoah, "the Lord for me entreat
Take the thunderings and hail, I don't want any repeat".*

*He said "You'll stay no longer, you can go now as you ask
To worship your God as you want and I'll give you no more task".
At that time the barley was in ear and the flax was balled
Wheat and rye were not smitten, hail hadn't them rolled.*

*This hard hearted Pharoah sinned yet some more
Saying "I've changed my mind, you'll continue as before!"
So locusts were sent to cover all the face of the earth
Eating up every tree, thus shortage of food caused a dearth.*

*Servants came to see Pharaoh saying "This land is destroyed
How long do you make us suffer?" These many pleas they employed.
Upon the land now blew strong wind all day and all night,
Bringing locusts which darkened the land and caused much fright.*

*Any fruit which was left on trees or herbs that had survived
Were now eaten by these insects which had so thickly arrived.
"Take them away" now pleaded Pharaoh, with obvious zest
So God caused a mighty strong wind to blow up from the west.*

*Into the Red Sea they were blown but again Pharaoh did not change.
God said "Stretch your hand up to heaven, thick darkness I'll arrange".
Then followed three days of darkness, no light to come or go
But in the land of Goshen for the Israelites it was not so.*

*This discomfort for the Egyptians still would not dislodge
This stubborn leader's insistence Israelite freedom he'd dodge.
To Moses he said "Get you from me, take heed to yourself
If you ever see my face again that will end your good health".*

*He said "Go! Leave your flocks with us and let your herds be stayed".
"No" said Moses, "we must take them with us, our God must be obeyed,
One last plague is coming on you from the Lord to be released
At midnight will die your firstborn of man and of every beast".*

*Moses in the heat of anger said "We'll then go and be free
But first your servants will come and all bow down to me.
There'll be a great cry throughout all your land
When the death of your firstborn takes place as planned".*

*Then God began revealing to Aaron and to Moses
The understanding of time and all that He proposes.
He said "This month begins the year and on day number ten
You'll take a lamb or kid out to kill and I will tell you when".*

*"You will kill it in the evening of the fourteenth day
Strike it's blood on the door posts so the death angel I'll keep away.
The lamb must have no blemish and be a male of the first year
You'll roast it then with fire and eat it without any fear".*

*"Eat it with herbs that are bitter and with unleavened bread
Eat it all, the purtenance with the legs and the head.
If any part of it remains then burn it up with fires
So that nothing of it is left, that is what your God requires".*

*"For it is the Lord's passover to be observed that very night
Firstborn of all Egyptians, man and beast of them I'll smite.
Everyone of you will eat your bread baked minus any leaven
These days you must observe, all the number being seven".*

*Moses then gathered the elders relating all he'd been told
"You will teach them to your children, these things that will unfold".
At midnight then as promised the death angel passed them by
Taking so many lives in Egypt there was heard a mournful cry.*

*So urgent were the people they said "Leave Egypt now and haste
Begone! Or we'll all be dead men, you've made our land a waste.
Take with you our riches, as much as you can hold
Of our raiment of our jewels, of our silver and our gold".*

*As they carried all to Rameses it was a very great array
Of the Israelites and multitude, with all stock, on Passover Day.
They baked their bread unleavened as they had been forewarned
They observed this night rejoicing thanking God as daylight dawned.*

*At even on the fifteenth day of Abib their journeyings to Succoth began
Of all the years in Egypt four hundred and thirty was the span.
More instruction regarding Passover God gave Moses and Aaron to give
Saying "Only those circumcised are to partake or they will not live".*

*"And when you have your firstborn they must be sanctified unto Me
When you come to the land I promised into which I set you free,
You'll remember all this service in the first month of the year
It will be a sign to remind you and in your mind you'll keep it near".*

*Leaving Succoth then they travelled out into the wilderness
Going toward the Red Sea to cross, leaving behind much duress.
They carried with them Jacob's bones as they had promised him
Travelling on to Etham then in the light that did not dim.*

*For the Lord went on before them to lead them by the way
In the pillar of the cloud which was with them to stay.
For He lit their way up brightly with a pillar of fire by night
To encourage and protect them it was always in their sight.*

*God said "I will be honoured by Pharaoh and all his host
Travel between Migdol and the sea and encamp on the coast,
Against Baalzephon where I'll again harden his heart
He'll regret then what he has done in letting you depart".*

*So Pharaoh pursued them with chariots and with horsemen
Planning to overtake Israel who cried out to God then,
And complaining to Moses about their vulnerable state
Saying "It was better in Egypt than to face this certain fate".*

*Moses then counselled them saying "For you God will fight
He'll put the pillar of cloud between them and us this night,
For them it will be dark and you'll see the next wonder will be
Performed by God for you, by dividing the water of the red Sea".*

*Moses then stretched out the rod right over the waters
In sight of all the adults with their sons and daughters.
A strong wind from the east blew, the waters formed a high wall
As the Israelites travelled across trusting the waters would not fall.*

*The Egyptians pursued after them to the sea bed to enter
Then God removed their chariot wheels right in the sea centre.
They thought then to flee this God of Israel who fought
For His people to save with this miracle obviously wrought.*

*Moses stretched out the rod early as day was dawning
The waters closed over the enemy completely that morning.
Not one had survived and the Israelites their wares collected.
These thrown up on the shore, all these goods so unexpected.*

*They greatly rejoiced and sang there with the song of the Lord.
For the triumph was so glorious that He did to them afford.
Miriam and the women sang to the Lord they praised
Accompanied by timbrels, their voices joyfully raised.*

*Then their travels they continued to the wilderness of Shur
Where they found no water and cried out how thirsty they were.
When coming to Marah bitter waters were all they could find
"It's impossible to drink" cried the people, "why be so unkind!"*

*This was said to Moses whom God told, "Go, make the waters sweet
So the people can drink of it and be then fully replete
Cast this tree in the water and there'll be a great change
If you'll hearken and obey Me your good health I'll arrange".*

*"From all the diseases of Egypt you'll be kept clear
I am the God that heals you, they will not come near".
The next stopover was at Elim, their journey ceased when
They came to twelve wells of water, palm trees three score and ten.*

*After departure from Egypt, by the second month fifteenth day
The children said to Moses "It had been better for us in Egypt to stay,
For we are all hungry but there we ate our bread to the full
As we sat by the flesh pots, we should be there still".*

*"Behold" said the Lord "from heaven your bread will rain
I'll prove you whether you'll now from sin refrain.
It will come down to you daily with double the sixth day
And flesh in the evening will be coming without delay".*

*Quails came so thickly they covered all over the camp
In the morning around the host lay dew all damp.
When the sun had dried it up there lay hoar frost on the ground
Upon the face of the wilderness this small thing quite round.*

*"What is it?" cried the children for they could not know.
So they called it manna. God said "daily this I'll bestow.
You'll go out and gather an omer, but I'm giving this warning
Do not leave any of it up, it must be all gone by morning".*

*Ignoring this instruction the manna became rank,
As they left it till the morning thus it bred worms and stank,
Said God "The sixth day of preparation go out and gather double
Resting on the morrow the Sabbath so your bread will cause no trouble".*

*Again with disobedience they went out but could find none
"How long refuse you to obey Me" God said, "each and every one.
Put an omer in a pot store it up in the expectations
Of your need to show your staple to the coming generations".*

*"Lay it up before the testimony to be sure that it's kept right
This honey flavoured wafer like coriander seed white".
Now on from the wilderness of sin no water at next stop Rephidim
The people were angry with Moses and ready to stone him.*

*"Is the Lord among us or not?" cried those of Israelite stock,
God said "Give them water, with your rod smite Horeb the rock".
Then at Rephidim came Amalek ready with Israel to fight
So Moses Aaron and Hur went up the hill in the people's sight.*

*Moses held the rod high in the air as the battle ensued
Whilst it was held aloft they had success in this feud.
But each time Moses let down the rod Amalek would prevail
So they held up his arms to ensure they would not fail.*

*God said "Write this for a memorial and rehearse it in Joshua's ears
I'll put out remembrance of Amalek after wars in the coming years".*

*Then came the priest of Midian, Moses father in law Jethro
Bringing Zipporah with Gershom and Elieser his sons also.*

*Jethro rejoiced when told of wonderful works God had done
Rescuing from Egypt's Pharaoh all Israel, everyone.
He observed the judgements Moses gave all day long
To the people lining up, a very great throng.*

*"What is this you do" he cried, "you'll surely wear away
My advice I now give you so listen to what I say.
Make your choice from the people, men of truth who are able
To rule tens, fifties, hundreds, thousands, and keep all stable".*

*"The hard causes to you they can bring for your guidance
All the smaller matters you'll leave to their contrivance".
Moses implemented his suggestions, Jethro departed bye and bye
Their travels they then continued to the wilderness of Sinai.*

*The same day that they left Egypt they came to this destination
God told Moses from the mount "Tell the children of this nation,
Be ready against the third day, prepare for what I'll relate
Be sanctified with clothes washed, My law I will dictate".*

*The third day Mt Sinai was all of a smoke and the trumpet sounded loud
The people trembled there before the mount, a very large crowd.
Moses climbed the mountain, God told him just what to do
"Bring Aaron with you next time, the rest must not break through".*

*"The bounds are set around so the mount they will not touch
It will be the death of anyone who decides to do as much".
God gave his laws to His people who moved off with fear
Saying "You speak to us Moses what God tells, we'll die with Him so near".*

*All ten commandments they were given with much Godly direction
Plus necessary judgements to give the Israelites correction.
Different laws and ordinances of borrowing, damage and theft
Of servants, bribes, Sabbaths, and feast instructions they were left.*

*God said "The inhabitants will be driven out and I will help you stand
Enemies will be cut off slowly as you inherit this promised land.
You'll make no covenant with them for they'd become a snare
Causing you to worship gods of whom you'd be unaware".*

*All God's words Moses passed on, judgements to be sure they knew
What God required of them and they replied "All these we will do".
The covenant then was ratified with blood sprinkled on the crowd
Moses and elders climbed the mount with all those God allowed.*

*To see the God of Israel, pavement of sapphire beneath His feet
As it were the body of heaven for clearness, with Him they did meet.
They ate and drank and feasted, God then said "Come up alone",
To Moses, to receive commandments written down on stone.*

*Joshua went up with him but not quite into the cloud
As Moses went to be with God, forty days and nights in this shroud.
God said "An offering you will gather to build Me a sanctuary
So I can dwell among you in a tabernacle with all that's necessary".*

*"You'll make an ark of covenant, covered with a mercy seat
Put therein the testimony I give, and there with you I'll meet.
The table with the furniture, candlesticks with seven lamps to hold
To give light to all that are therein made from pure beaten gold".*

*"Ten curtains made of fine linen coupled together to form a tent
A covering made of ram's and badger's skins, all without rent.
Boards of Shittim wood along each side, twenty held with silver sockets
Make a veil to cover the holy place with hooks of gold to lock it".*

*"It'll be of blue purple and scarlet, with cherubim it shall it be made
Behind it you will place the ark, so to all it's not displayed".
Burnt offerings, altar, tabernacle and court directions they were taught
Breast plate with twelve precious stones with ephod to be wrought.*

*In the breastplate of judgement Urim and Thummim was to be placed
For Aaron and the priests to wear, all these correctly spaced.
A golden bell and pomegranite to be on the hem of it round about
That Aaron not die on entry to the holy place and when coming out.*

*"Make a plate of gold quite pure, engrave HOLINESS TO THE LORD
On the mitre worn by Aaron, on his forehead these words you'll record
With consecration of the priesthood, sacrifices offered at the door
Of the tabernacle by these priests, anointed lineage evermore".*

*"This is a perpetual statute, these rites you'll not forget
Seven days of consecration, all these standards must be met
With offerings morning and evening, at the door I'll meet with you
As I dwell with Israel, sanctifying priests and tabernacle too".*

*“Make an altar to burn the incense, overlay it with gold that’s pure
Burn it morning and evening, nothing strange to come near it to be sure.
Make an atonement on the horns of it, yearly this will be done
Take a sum of the children of Israel, let them give a ransom each one”.*

*“That there be no plagues among you half a shekel you will give
All that are twenty and over good health they will have as they live.
Mix myrrh, cinnamon and calamus, cassia and olive oil
Holy ointment to sanctify, this mixture you will not spoil”.*

*“Take stacte, onycha and galbanum, make a mixture of sweet spice
A confection like the apothecary, holy and perfumed so nice.
I’ve given special knowledge and talent in all manner of workmanship
To help you accomplish these things and make sure you do not slip”.*

*Said God to Moses “Tell the children My Sabbaths you will keep
If you dare to do any work on them death you’ll surely reap.
For they are days that are holy a sign between Israel and Me
To be kept through your generations, perpetual covenant it is to be”.*

*“In six days the Lord your God made the heaven and the earth
You’ll rest as He did on the seventh every one of you from birth”.
The two tables of testimony written with God’s very own finger
Were given then to Moses, told to take them down and not to linger.*

*For the people had grown restless, saying to Aaron “God’s you’ll make
So they can go before us on the journeyings that we take.
As for this Moses we know not what has become of him”.
Aaron took their earrings, succumbing to their ungodly whim.*

*A golden calf he moulded and the people said “These will be
Your god’s O Israel who brought you out of Egypt to be free”.
An altar then Aaron built before it and announced a proclamation
Of a feast they would have on the morrow to the Lord of that nation.*

*The Lord then said to Moses “They are such a stiffnecked lot
I’ll consume them, make you a nation, for My anger is running hot”.
“Don’t do that Lord” said Moses, for Egyptians will say ‘You have failed
In what in past days through our father’s You have so often hailed”.*

*“That You will multiply the seed as many as the stars of heaven
With land to inherit forever though these people are filled with leaven”.
Down the mount then Moses went, carrying God’s handwritten law
To be shocked when facing Israel, at all the horror he then saw.*

*For the people were dancing naked, cavorting before this beast
Moses cast down the tables and demanded that all this be ceased.
He angrily took the offending calf and burnt it in the fire
Grinding it into powder, making them drink it to kill their desire.*

*"We will see who is on the Lord's side, let him come now unto me".
All the Levites gathered to him but many others dead would be.
Three thousand men were slaughtered, a lesson sadly learned
That God would requite all evil as anger in Him burned.*

*Moses went to God to intercede, pleading for these people so smitten
Saying "If You'll not forgive them blot me out of the book You've written".
God said "Now go and enter into the land for an angel goes before
To this land of milk and honey, with peace and prosperity in store".*

*Moses then took the tabernacle and pitched it far from the camp
All those that would seek the Lord, to go out would have to tramp.
God came down with Moses to talk to him face to face
In a cloudy pillar he descended saying "With Me you've found grace".*

*"Show me Your glory" said Moses. "I'll make all My goodness go before"
Said God "Stand up on that rock, I'll show My back parts but no more.
Hew you two more tables of stone, the same as the ones you broke
Come to Me on Mt Sinai, a covenant I make and will not revoke".*

*"To drive out the inhabitants before you, from the land you go to possess
You'll make no covenant with them for they would lead you to distress.
Three times in a year you'll come, all your people that are male
In Unleavened Bread and firstfruits, ingathering at years end without fail".*

*As Moses came down he knew not that the skin of his face shone
The people would not come near till a veil over his face he would don.
Then he asked them for an offering, from those of a willing heart
They supplied then all that was needed so the tabernacle could start.*

*The men of talent and wisdom those zealous and believing
All worked on this beautiful building, women spinning and weaving.
The offering kept on coming till told there was more than enough
So they were restrained from giving, told there was sufficient stuff.*

*To fashion the curtains, boards and bars, ark, mercy seat and veil
The candlestick with branches six, all done with excellent detail.
Altars of incense and burnt offering, shovels, basins and each pot
The flesh hooks and the firepans, vessels made of brass, the lot.*

*The sum of the tabernacle was noted, those appointed then counted
The gold for the Levites service in the holy place great store amounted.
Half a shekel of silver was given from each one, twenty and more
Six hundred, three thousand, five fifty men all added to this store.*

*The stones of the ephod were onyx enclosed in ouches of gold
As were the stones of the breastplate spaced in four rows all told.
The first row was a carbuncle, a sardius and a topaz
An emerald, sapphire and diamond the second row has.*

*The third contained an amethyst an agate and a figure
Fourth had a jasper, onyx and beryl encased in gold that was pure.
Each stone was according to the names of the children of Israel
One for each of the tribes engraved in the finest detail.*

*So all the work of the tabernacle was now completed and done
They brought it all to Moses to examine the work of everyone.
He declared that it was just as the Lord had commanded it be
Pleased with all their workmanship he blessed them thankfully.*

*"The first day of the first month second year was the tabernacle erected
The testimony put in the ark under the mercy seat as projected.
The veil of covering and all contents were then set in place
Moses, Aaron and sons washed in the laver, uncleanness to erase.*

*When it was all completed the tent was covered with a cloud
When the Lord's glory filled it entry to Moses was not allowed.
Day by day it was upon it, fire by night in sight of the tent
When it was taken up off it then on with their travels they went.*