

## YE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF FATHER LEHI

A Message, and Tribute, to all Lamanite  
People and all Related to the Lamanite

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1. Ye sons and daughters of father Lehi  
Come, listen to this story true;  
Long time ago in old Jerusalem  
There lived this prophet, -- good and true.  
Six hundred years before our Savior  
This prophet true in very deed,  
Was warned of God to flee this city,  
To save an Israelitish seed.
2. This prophet Lehi with all his family  
Departed to the wilderness;  
And here the Lord gave more instruction,  
That Lehi's tribe have happiness.  
The Sons returned unto Jerusalem  
According as the Lord did will;  
Brought Ishmaels tribe, his Sons and Daughters  
(also sacred records - brass plates --)  
Thereby God's plan they should fulfill.
3. The sons of Lehi wed Ishmael's daughters,  
According as the Lord had planned;  
Oh what a chosen band of people,  
To journey to the Promised Land.  
Thus guided by the Liahona  
Made by the Lord to point the way  
Through wilderness and o'er the ocean,  
Thus by their faith, it led their Way.

4. For thus to reach this Land of Promise,  
A land the choice of all the earth,  
A voyage be made across the ocean,  
Before a nation had its birth,  
A ship was built by God's commandment  
To carry Lehi's chosen band  
Across the great and mighty waters  
Unto God's chosen Promised Land.
  
5. 'Twas not by strife with one another  
That their ship should reach this land;  
A mighty tempest drove them backward,  
Until they sought the Lord's command.  
Thus by their faith and prayers united  
Their compass led this chosen band  
Across the great and mighty waters,  
Unto the chosen Promised Land.
  
6. A land so choice as God had promised, --  
Their seeds were sown in Mother earth,  
Abundantly they grew and flourished  
To prove God's promises of worth.  
And as they strode into the forests  
They found there beasts of every kind  
and also gold and silver, copper,  
Yes, ores abundantly did find.
  
7. A glorious, blessed Land of Promise, --  
According as the Lord decreed  
By Lehi's voice He gave a blessing,  
To each his children and their seed:  
Behold if you will keep God's statutes  
You will be prospered in the land,  
And if you keep not God's commandments  
You cannot in His presence stand.

8. Dissension came to Lehi's people,  
and Lehi passed unto his grave;  
Some followed Laman in rebellion  
While others chose, their souls to save.  
'Midst tumult and rebellious anger  
To void a scene of rising strife,  
The Lord warned Nephi now their prophet  
To flee because they sought his life.
9. And thus the people became divided, --  
Sometime in peace, some time in War  
Continued on through generations --  
Until the sign of one new star.  
A Lamanite by name of Samuel  
Foretold this sign of Jesus' birth;  
It was foretold by many prophets, --  
The coming of Christ's reign on earth.
10. Thus came the time foretold by Samuel, -  
The crucifixion, and His birth.  
Now came a great and mighty tempest  
With thunder, fire and quaking earth;  
Some cities sank beneath the ocean,  
Great cities buried 'neath the earth.  
Then came three days of misty darkness --  
With weeping, howling, awful dearth.
11. A voice was heard from out the heavens, --  
Now people sought the Lord's command.  
"Destruction came," God said, to many,  
To hide their sins throughout the land.  
Again a voice was heard from Heaven, --  
A still small voice that pierced each one.  
It was the voice of God, the Father,  
Who introduced the Christ, His Son.

12. The multitude looked up t'ward heaven, --  
Saw one descending from on high,  
It was their Lord, their Christ, their Savior,  
Who now did'st suffer, bleed, and die.  
"Come forth and feel" the Lord entreated,  
"My hands, and feet, and wounded side,"  
They felt the wounds borne by their Savior,  
They now knew Christ, the crucified.
13. Oh what a marvelous observation,  
The multitude with one accord,  
Cried out with glorious exultation,  
Hosanna, to the Most High Lord.  
The Lord gave power to twelve disciples,  
And thus to them did authorize,  
When He again to heaven ascended,  
This people then should they baptize.
14. There is but one true church of Jesus, --  
The Church of Jesus Christ the same.  
How could a church be claimed by Jesus,  
If such a church bore not His name.  
God's church is led by Holy Priesthood  
After the order of His Son,  
'Twas in the world at its beginning, --  
With Father Adam it begun.
15. O Lord have mercy upon this people,  
They've trod'n so long the wilderness,  
Give them a heart of true repentance,  
That they may have true happiness.  
Repent and be baptized Ye people, --  
You are a favored tribe indeed  
To occupy this Land of Promise; --  
You came from very noble seed.

16. Ye Sons and Daughters of Father Lehi,  
Who came from very noble seed,  
A remnant of the tribe of Joseph,  
A branch of Israelites, indeed.  
Through your tradition you know of Jesus, --  
On records kept on plates of Gold  
Is written proof of your existence,  
Your father Lehi thus foretold.

17. My soul is touched for you dear people  
Your tribes long roamed this sacred sod;  
Your Lord is waiting now to bless you,  
If you'll repent and turn to God.  
Beneath your stain there is a blessing  
Whereas you meet the Lord's demand,  
For He'll remove your curse as promised,  
Here in your own, dear, Promised Land.

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