

1. The purpose of the derivations  
 latched onto Abraham  
 whose faith ensnared a ram.  
 Through triple fourteen generations  
 the line would lead to Mary,  
 a son foretold to carry.

Gn. 15:6

2. The virgin will conceive, deliver,  
 furnish a child the birth  
 of God-upon-the-earth.  
 Would Joseph a home gladly give her,  
 and name the infant Jesus  
 (whose coming finally frees us).

3. But Herod feared a rival reigning.  
 Where would the Christ be born?  
 A little town, forlorn?  
 For Bethlehem, you, uncomplaining,  
 are bringing us a leader,  
 a shepherd-interceder.

4. The magi traveled on, contented,  
 gazed at a star by night  
 that filled them with delight.  
 They fell to their knees and presented  
 the treasures then in fashion,  
 those symbols of the Passion.

5. In Egypt was I overleaping  
 force that would harm my son  
 when fools were on the run.  
 It's Rachel we heard loudly weeping,  
 some friendliness refusing,  
 her precious children losing.

6. The angel of the Lord related  
 death in a fading dream,  
 the fate of Herod's scheme.  
 The rulers in charge, who were hated,  
 could frighten them no longer,  
 the child growing stronger.

7. The father with the child and mother  
 went back to Israel,  
 in Nazareth to dwell.  
 This fresco could stand for another  
 example of fulfilling  
 what God is ever willing.

1. I come to bring law that's fulfilling,  
    reveal it on a higher plane.  
Let ranges of vision be willing  
    to show you how these rules pertain.
2. Unless your right-living surpasses  
    the ethics of the Pharisees,  
such efforts won't do with the masses  
    who enter by the kingdom's keys.
3. If some would say 'fool' to a brother,  
    they'll answer for it court by court.  
For anger that slanders the other,  
    repudiate the stuffed report.
4. By looking in secret you're hoping  
    that lust will fill the empty heart.  
But losing one's eye might be coping  
    with hell invading every part.
5. Don't try to make pledges effective  
    by swearing on the sovereign throne,  
by speech that is filled with invective,  
    by things that are the Lord's alone.
6. Don't vow at all, curse or revile,  
    but yield to the black-and-white.  
Give 'Yes' for yea, 'No' for denial,  
    and silence what the pen can write.
7. That extra mile covers the distance.  
    If men would hit your dextral cheek,  
it means that you turn, with insistence,  
    the other so the Lord can speak.
8. If any should order, demanding,  
    your blazer, give your coat as well.  
And beggars will gain understanding  
    of tangles in the 'buy and sell'.
9. Yes, pray for that foe who's abusing  
    your offering to the 'rising sun'.  
    'These other things' come by infusing  
    a righteousness that makes us one.
10. As taxers excel in collection,  
    the loser tries to overwhelm.  
But let your love shine with perfection,  
    as jewels in your Father's realm.

1. Observe those carefree birds above us flying,  
     sow do they not, on storage not relying.  
     If God will give just what they need for life,  
     can you add one speck to your years of strife?
2. The lilies of the field are always faring.  
     Hearts have they none, but look at what they're wearing!  
     King Solomon's crown was a diadem  
     and yet nothing high could approach their hem.
3. Yes, God can clothe these grasses with precision,  
     morning's delight, by evening an elision,  
     look after your plight even more than theirs,  
     how in faith you'll aim to conduct affairs. Ps. 90:6
4. For things, those worried mortals are stampeding,  
     yet does your Father know of what you're needing.  
     In righteousness, first, let your hearts excel  
     and this other wealth shall be yours as well.

Matthew 6    Chris Nelson @ 2019

Genevan 8    11 11 10 10    Serial (shaw) [G. B. Shaw]

1. Oh, come to me, all who are grieving,  
observe how I'm right for receiving.  
By taking my yoke will you learn  
I'm humble in my heart, not stern,  
one even critics are believing.
2. 'Twas Jesus our Lord who was talking,  
in ripening corn, were a-walking  
disciples whose need couldn't wait,  
while Pharisees could hardly rate  
things which a scribe considered shocking.
3. "How David confronted starvation,  
by using God's house for a ration -  
Those loaves that they ate were reserved  
for offerings only deacons served,  
Host for the altar consecration.
4. "Envision a list of the cases  
where priests 'commit faults' so the faces  
of worshippers bow and revere,  
There's something more essential here  
etched on the heart and not in places.
5. "Repent - is the gist of my meaning,  
and grant to these reapers their gleaning.  
What pleases me: turning around,  
a sacrifice on higher ground,  
rest for the souls that I'm convening."

Matthew 11 Chris Nelson @ 2021  
Genevan 96 99889 Serial (other)

1. Then Pharisees badgered the master,  
    ‘We’d like to see a work you signed,’  
    “Your aim is to spark a disaster,  
    to prove that I have lost my mind. 11:18 (Jn. 8:49)
2. “The only one schemers are given  
    is Jonah’s, that the prophets send.  
    As Jonah went down am I driven  
    to Sheol where the dead are penned. Jon. 2:3 (Ps. 49:14)
3. “On Judgment Day, well-represented,  
    the Ninevites will stand and praise  
    the chosen who stopped and repented  
    as sinners did in former days. Jb. 42:6 (Ps. 51:1)
4. “On Judgment Day, chiding this nation,  
    the Empress of the South will rise,  
    for Solomon’s feats of narration  
    are pointers to a great surprise.” 11:19 (Sg. 5:1)

Matthew 12    Chris Nelson @ 2014  
Genevan 140    9898    In S

1. So tell us the truth of the darnel,  
    your parable, spoken to all,  
    by teaching how kingdoms will fall  
    when seed is not good but is carnal.
2. Persistence by Satan is dazing  
    the subjects who pillage the world,  
    but reapers the wicked have hurled  
    to pits of regret ever blazing.
3. Extracting the weeds for correction?  
    Alas, you might pull up the wheat!  
    Let each of them, growing complete,  
    be eager to hear my selection.
4. As darnel is burned in the fire,  
    just so will it be at the end.  
    The Son of Man finally will send  
    those angels to pile it the higher.
5. Remember how all will be pining  
    for solace revoking alarms,  
    the Father with wide open arms,  
    the righteous like sun ever shining.

Matthew 13    Chris Nelson @ 2021  
Genevan 141   9889   Serial (spear) [Creator alme siderum]

1. When the disciples got into a boat,  
on to the other rim they started rowing.  
Crowds sent away, while mountains started showing,  
Jesus received for prayer a place remote.
2. There all alone in heart and soul and mind,  
while the disciples interlocked the weather,  
night black as pitch, the lot of them together,  
watched for a clue, their image ill-defined.
3. Moved and surprised, they gathered on the lake,  
rousing a ghost they managed in their terror.  
But lest there be the margin of an error,  
"Don't be afraid, it's I, it's no mistake!"
4. Peter it was declaring, 'If it's you,  
tell me to come, and don't be merely mocking.'  
"Come" Jesus said to instigate the walking  
down on the water, making a debut.
5. But when the wind arose and pluck was gone,  
once the determined outcome was a sinking,  
'Lord, pull me up!' as confidence was shrinking,  
out came the hand with Jesus holding on.
6. "Why did you doubt? Your faith I can't applaud!"  
Back in the boat, they got the right impression,  
bowing to worship, granting their confession:  
'You are the great and mighty Son of God.'

1. Half-shekel agents, easy-going,  
asked if the master paid what's owing.  
Peter, for fear of accusation,  
tried hiding out in Jesus' station.  
"What is your personal opinion,  
when you consider this dominion,  
from whom do rulers take their toll,  
from sons or from slaves in control?"
2. "Slaves tally tribute as they measure,  
sons (figure Son) are left at leisure.  
But, lest these people be offended,  
stand by our lake with hook extended.  
Pull from your line a fish arising,  
find in its mouth a coin, surprising.  
And donate for our temple's growth  
by paying its tax for us both."

Matthew 17    Chris Nelson @ 2021  
Genevan 120    9999.9988    In T



1. One owning land would plant a fi-eld,  
 pleased with the vines that it would yi-eld.  
 A trough was dug out for the wine,  
 its fences were plumbed with a line.  
 Conditions were sealed with a nod,  
 plans drawn up for a trip abroad.

Is. 5:2  
 Mk. 12:1

2. Aged for their long agreed collection,  
 wines were presented for inspection.  
 The time to pick up drawing near,  
 the servants dispatched to appear,  
 the leasers emerged, undeterred,  
 addling two while they stoned the third.

3. "Of what I want all scorn is ending  
 now that my son will be attending."  
 But when they were met by the heir,  
 they realized all they could share.  
 They acted at once, didn't wait,  
 slung the body beyond the gate.

Mk. 12:8  
 Hb. 13:12

4. Now when at last there comes the owner,  
 what will be dealt to each condoner?  
 Their chore would be brought to an end  
 by leasing to those who would send  
 what's due when the season arrives,  
 cultivate so the produce thrives.

5. It was the stone the heads rejected  
 God for the corner has selected.  
 This deed the Lord's done, as foretold,  
 a marvelous sight to behold!  
 The kingdom of God only suits  
 humankind who will harvest fruits.

Matthew 21    Chris Nelson @ 2019  
 Genevan 80    998888    Serial (pasch)

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| 1. See what God has done<br>feasting at a wedding<br>given for a son,<br>friends upon the list<br>going, sorely missed,<br>on to where they're heading.                   | 22:12                               |
| 2. 'Savor my design,<br>irons in the fi-re,<br>flagons full of wine,<br>interesting fare<br>all for me to share,<br>ready, harp and ly-rel'                               | Jn. 2:3<br>22:5<br>Ps. 45:8, 57:7-8 |
| 3. Guests were never found,<br>not one ounce of pity.<br>Servants rudely bound<br>noticed how these groups<br>indicated troops<br>burning down their city.                | 22:11                               |
| 4. 'Eager, undeterred,<br>I will not be slighted.<br>Here's my latest word:<br>Inch along the road,<br>using every mode<br>till they're all invited.'                     |                                     |
| 5. Servants went on out,<br>cripples were collected.<br>Everyone about<br>came into the hall,<br>surging wall to wall,<br>overflow projected.                             | Lk. 14:21                           |
| 6. Faith had always been<br>keen for proper raiment. Jm. 2:17<br>'How did you get in?<br>Kindly show your suit,<br>you whose lips are mute,<br>you who know your payment. |                                     |
| 7. 'Throw the rascal there,<br>yonder where it's frozen,<br>darkness in the air<br>yielding not a star.<br>Yes, for many are<br>called, but few are chosen.'              |                                     |

1. Contemplate the kingdom like this:  
Christ might arrive and finally miss  
    bridesmaids assisting at a wedding.  
Now five would be careless, and five  
were competent, their faith alive,  
    lamps full of oil, a luster shedding.
2. As their purpose failed to show,  
all, being drowsy, didn't know  
    what they could do to keep from sleeping.  
When chances to take had run out,  
at midnight there was heard this shout,  
    "Here's the appointment you'd be keeping!"
3. Roused by this they suddenly woke,  
rubbed on their lamps to wipe the smoke.  
    Those with reserve began to worry.  
'We've not enough oil for you.  
You'd better go to some who do,  
    some who are ready in a hurry.'
4. Off they went intending to buy,  
out came the Bridegroom on the fly  
    eager to start the celebration.  
Those others with wisdom could go  
and permeate the joyful glow,  
    doors closed to further penetration.
5. Later came those shoppers undone.  
'Lord, we proceeded to the fun,  
    do open up so we can enter.'  
"I say, I don't know who you are."  
Be faithful with your reservoir  
    lest you're considered a lamenter.

Matthew 25      Chris Nelson @ 2022  
Genevan 24      889.889      Serial (carol)

1. At supper our Lord took some bread,  
the blessing of grace duly said,  
broke it, and then the distribution,  
given to launch the institution.  
'This is my body, take and eat  
a real food, a real meat.'  
Thanksgiving was part of the rite,  
the cup was aglow in their sight.
2. 'And this is my blood that will seal,  
as everyone eats of this meal,  
ease of relation that's conveying  
pardon to those for whom I'm praying.  
From now on, earnestly I say,  
I shall not drink until the day  
I drink the new wine and I meet  
with you when our joy is complete.'
3. We followed you, Lord, where you led  
soon after some psalms had been read.  
Aged were the olive branches nearing,  
old were the hills above the clearing.  
'Your faith will disappear tonight.  
To say this, Scripture gives the right:  
The Shepherd I'll strike as I planned,  
the flock of my sheep will disband.
4. 'To Galilee, peace to bestow,  
when risen once more, will I go.'  
Rock of the Church was Peter braver,  
"Though they retreat I'll never waver."  
'Before the rooster crows at dawn  
you'll take your chance to hurry on.'  
"I'll never make light of your name!"  
And all of them said so the same.

5. As calling on God would be hard,  
your intimate friends, as a guard,  
in to the sanctum of your sorrow  
went to assist you with the morrow.  
Upon your face you fell and prayed,  
'My Father, let your might invade  
the cup of my death, that it drain,  
but only as you would ordain.'

6. They couldn't keep watch to support  
such need in distress of this sort.  
No, they were lacking inner power  
called for to keep awake one hour,  
to be observant at their best,  
and praying hard to pass the test.  
The Spirit could note their intent  
of numerous flaws to repent.

7. A session of prayer once again,  
a garden that heard no amen.  
Gone was the third while they were sleeping,  
no chance at all a vigil keeping.  
'The hour has come, reprieve has passed,  
betrayed the Son of Man at last.  
Get up and let's go, I command!  
The sinner is here close at hand.'

Matthew 26    Chris Nelson @ 2021  
Genevan 35    8899.8888    Serial (bearing)