PSALM 151
A noncanonical psalm that, prior to the Qumran discoveries, was known only through ancient translations (LXX, Latin, and Syriac). At Qumran the psalm was included in the Hebrew Psalm Scroll (11Q). The Hebrew text indicates two separate poems. The first poem (designated as 151A) is a commentary on 1 Samuel 16:1–13. It relates how David was set over his father’s flocks but was made king over God’s people after God had looked upon his heart. The second poem (151B) is a commentary on 1 Samuel 17 and deals with David and Goliath. It is thought by some to show the bravery of David in contrast to his humility, as is shown in 151A.

LXX Septuagint

He tingtoenglung tah David amah loh a laapam. Goliath rhal a ngawn phoeiah aa laapam la om
1 Ka manuca rhoek lakah ka camoe,
   A pa im ah khaw canoi la ka om
   Kai loh a pa kah tu ka luem puei.

2 Ka kut loh rhooeng a sai tih,
   Ka kut dawn loh phungding a tum

3 Kai BOEIPA te u longim a thui ve?
   BOEIPA amah long ni te te a yaak

4 Puencawn aka tueih khaw amah ni
   A pa kah tu lakli lamloh kai n'loh
   Koelhnah situi neh kai he n'koelh coeng.

5 Ka manuca rhoek tah a songsang neh om tih sang
   Tedae Boeipa loh amih te a uem moenih.
6 Philisti hmuh hamla ka paan coeng
   Amih loh a mueirhol neh kai n'tap uh

7 Tedae a cunghang te ka bong pa tih,
   Anih te ka rhaih vaengah,
   ka pilnam Israel tah
   yahpohnah khui lamloh ka hlaw