And conviction had fallen on him like a great weight,
but he croaked, "Thank you dearie, but now I will be late.
So go on back home now and don't say a word
or tell anybody what you have heard."

(Actions during the next part of narrative: Mr. DeWitt stands and watches her leave.)

And as he watched the pastor’s child depart,
he felt a strange tug down deep in his heart.
But he shook it off with a snort and a shrug
and as he was leaving he threw out the rug!

(Begin Track #4 on the CD, truck driving sound effects here.)

(Actions during the next part of narrative: Mr. DeWitt gets back in the "truck" and drives for a moment.)

It was half past six, soon the church would be full.
So he cranked up the pickup and away he did pull.
Up the winding dirt road to the top of the hill,
he drove with their stuff, which then he would spill.

When he came to the top it was getting quite dark
as he drove toward the cliff and put it in park.
He jumped out of the truck and strode to the ledge
and stood looking expectantly over the edge.

"They know by now," he said with grin,
"that their services there have all been done in!"
"They're wailing and moaning and they'll all shed a tear.
That's something" said DeWitt, "that I wish I could hear!"

(Begin Track #5, the conclusion, on the CD here, and let play through rest of reading.)

(Actions during the next part of narrative: Mr. DeWitt cups and ear and listens eagerly for the expected wailing.)

But he could hear a sound, quiet and low,
rising up from the church in the valley below.
But, this sound wasn't tearful...
why, it sounded quite cheerful!
Everyone there, to the smallest fella,
was singing their favorite songs, a cappella!
He hadn't stolen their joy...it remained!
In spite of their losses, they worshiped the same.

(Actions during the next part of narrative: Mr. DeWitt's shock gives way to a wonder-filled smile.)

"Maybe their joy doesn't come from what's done."
Perhaps," he smiled, "It comes from Someone!"

(Track #5 continues, singing ends and dramatic music kicks in here.)