Hunted down by red-coats; did it seem quite right?

Six to one, and he on foot, was not a stand-up fight.

How well I remember on that summer day, Six to one, and then for me to give the boy away.

Back again at the ranch house three mounted men I found,

Searching through the buildings, looking all around

For the cowboy outlaw. "He'll surely hang," said they.

I thanked God that lonely boy was safe one mile away.

Hunted down by red-coats like a common thief, Came he to my ranch door asking for relief. Did I wrong to help him? "Yes," the law would

say;

God alone shall be my judge upon the round-up day.