

$$= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n q^{n^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(2n+1)}{2}} \frac{q^{m^2}}{(q^2; q^2)_m}$$

(by (*) with $z = -q^{2n+1}$)

$$= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^m z^n q^{\frac{m^2 + 2nm + m + n^2}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^m z^n q^{\frac{(m+n)^2 + m}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{q^m z^{-m}}{(q^2; q^2)_m} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z^{m+n} q^{(m+n)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{q^m z^{-m}}{(q^2; q^2)_m} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} z^k q^{k^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} z^k q^{k^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q/z)^m}{(q^2; q^2)_m}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n q^{n^2} \frac{1}{(-q/z; q^2)_\infty} \quad (\text{by Euler's Car. of } q\text{-bin.})$$

Therefore,
$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n q^{n^2} = (-zq; q^2)_\infty (-q/z; q^2)_\infty (q^2; q^2)_\infty$$

for $|\frac{q}{z}| < 1$. Result holds for $z \neq 0$ by analytic continuation. \square