1) No tyranny shook the lofty roof of the Law, which was held high on seven pillars; for when the noble brethren one in mind, who were faithful keepers of wise Moses' oracles, had given up their bodies to them that cut and tortured them, the youths bare the senseless rage of their profane persecutor with undaunted manliness.

2) The godly and noble seven youths truly lifted up their minds above things visible as their fleshly limbs were hewn away. For they, with their mother of divine and pious mind,
were strength-ened by their great and ex-alt-ed hopes, which
they have now ob-tained, hav-ing found rest in the bos-om of
their fore-fa-ther, A-brah-am, the friend of God.

3) The Mac-ca-bee Chil-dren wise in God, with the sa-cred El-e-
a-zar and their moth-er of god-ly mind, most brave-ly armed their souls
with a youth-ful cour-age; and on sharp-en-ing their wrath
to be a whet-tened sword, they went staunch-ly forth a-
-gainst the en-e-my for the sake of god-ly pi-e-ty
and the keep-ing of the Law their Fa-thers held.