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## Hannah and her Seven Sons

All is desolate and dark. To me there's  
no light

Since they took from the world my  
treasures so bright.

My children! My children! Beats  
yet my heart

When all of its strings are thus riven  
apart?

Yet for Israel's God this suff'ring I  
bear,

And would bear a greater, if greater  
there were.





All is desolate and dark. To me there's no light  
Since they took from the world my treasures so bright.

*Hannah and her Seven Sons*

Oh! how the whole scene is burned into  
my brain!

I see the vile Syrians with faces like  
Cain

Rush over my threshold and ruthlessly  
seize

All my seven fair sons, while I on my  
knees

With tears and implorings beseech them  
to wait;

—Hope whispers that time might avert  
their sad fate;

I knew 'twas but yester the old scribe  
they slew,

The old Eleazar to Israel so true,—

*Hannah and her Seven Sons*

On my knees I implore them to wait but  
a day ;

They mock at my pleading ; then drag  
us away

And cast us in prison ; but leave us not  
long ;

The Bigot his triumph will show to the  
throng.

With wickedest pleasure he calls for the  
first

Of my beautiful boys, the one that I  
nursed

In the flush of my youth when Judea  
was free ;