

Of Rabbi Eliezer

Of Rabbi Eliezer a story is told,
Of Rabbi Yehoshua, that scholar of old,
Elazar ben Azariah, Akiva the sage,
And Tarphon, for wisdom renowned in his age.

In Bene Berak they at Seder dined well,
And the whole long night through the old tale did retell,
How God in His power humbled Egypt's great might,
And brought out our people from darkness to light.

Whilst they were held rapt by the wondrous old story,
Dark night passed away and dawn came in its glory,
Then entered their pupils, "Our Rabbis" they say,
" 'tis time for Shema, for behold it is day!"

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