hands, and blessed themselves, and said, Oh! what a man for love to his Master, and for denial to himself, was Abraham!

After they had shewed them all these things, Prudence took them into a dining-room, where stood a pair of excellent virginals; so she played upon them, and turned what she had shewed them into this excellent song, saying,

Eve's apple we have shewed you;
Of that be you aware;
You have seen Jacob's ladder too,
Upon which angels are.

An anchor you received have:
But let not these suffice,
Until with Abra'm you have gave
Your best a sacrifice.

Now about this time one knocked at the door. So the Porter opened, and behold Mr Great-Heart was there: but when he was come in, what joy was there! For it came now afresh again into their minds how but a while ago he had slain old Grim Bloody-Man, the giant, and had delivered them from the lions.

Then said Mr Great-Heart to Christiana and to Mercy, My Lord has sent each of you a bottle of wine, and also some parched corn, together with a couple of pomegranates; he has also sent the boys some figs and raisins, to refresh you in your way.

Then they addressed themselves to their journey; and Prudence and Piety went along with them. When they came to the gate, Christiana asked the Porter if any of late went by. He said, No; only one some time since, who also told me that of late there had been a great robbery committed on the King's highway as you go. But, said he, the thieves are taken, and will shortly be tried for their lives. Then Christiana and Mercy were afraid; but Matthew said, Mother, fear nothing as long as Mr Great-Heart is to go with us, and to be our conductor.

Then said Christiana to the Porter, Sir, I am much obliged to you for all the kindnesses that you have