2<u>31</u> The Three Boys who Raised Marble Blocks

Great is the power and the wisdom of Holy Mary

Great power indeed was given to her by God her Son when he took human flesh in her for us whom he was to save.

And also he gave her great wisdom, when he was contained in her, for he showed her there his knowledge of goodness.

And so Constantine built a great and opulent church for that Lady who is blessed, and spared no expense there.

And he paid much money to master masons to bring him complete blocks of marble from the Empire,

some for altars and others for pillars. And so he had them brought there from many places

And the blocks that they brought were so big that when they tried to raise them they could find no way of doing it

for though they assembled all their men and tried to raise them, they could not even move the smallest of them.

This made the mason most extremely distressed for there was no way he could complete the task.

But our Lady of great mercy, wise and of great goodness, appeared in great brightness to the mason as he slept

and said, "If you have faith in me and do my will, if you wish to raise the blocks I will show you how to do it.

What you must do is quickly find three fearless boys, and I will make them gently lift the blocks, with no equipment.

The mason awoke and brought the boys, and just as she commanded they raised those blocks

with no help from companions, no machines or special skill, just by the marvellous power of the blessed one who guides us

and performs many fine and wondrous miracles, to make us eager to join her in heaven.