

## Septuagint Origins according to Aristeas

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The King of Egypt had a dream  
To gather books he hadn't seen.  
To the holy city of the Jews  
He sent his men to spread the news.  
King and High Priest struck a deal  
To translate Moses, now for real.

Two and seventy learned trolls  
Came to Egypt with their scrolls  
Feted at the royal table  
Showed his Highness they were able.  
Off to Pharos did they sneak  
To translate Torah into Greek.

Two and seventy days till late  
Did they toil without a mate.  
Yet when all the work was done,  
It was as tho' 'twas wrought by one.  
Inspiration 't must have been  
That produced this work supreme!

The Jews of Egypt as one man  
Proclaimed the text was in the can.  
No revision was allowed,  
Total reverence was avowed.  
So, together Priest and King,  
Made Septuaginta swing.