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## *Seven brothers of Bohespic Read by Anne Sinclair*

Seven brothers of Bohespic, each with a gun and a hunting dog, went down to Atholl where there was to be a day's hunting. There was one of the seven who had been suckled by another woman, and the mother of the seven and the nurse who had suckled the one came to the door to see the lads off, the mother commenting that there would not be the like of her seven sons at the hunt that day. The nurse replied that God would bless the one to whom she had given milk.

They were at the hunt all day and on the way home, high up on the moor at the burn they call Allt Garbh below the rock they call Clach a'Bhuidhinn, the seven sons sat there on the ground. They sat catching their breath and they took a bit of bread from their pouches. The dogs began to fight each other and, when the brothers went to separate the dogs, one found fault with the other for hitting his dog and then the brothers themselves fought and not one came home alive. They killed each other, except for the son who the nurse had blessed when they left home. And there are six cairns, built where they found the six dead bodies, on Bohespic moor to this day and anybody can see them.

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