The following are excerpts from poems written by Herman Abromson when he was a student at Central High School in 1927 and 1928.


"My Grandfather"

Time passes by
And the candles are flickering out.
As life ebbs away reluctantly
So do the candles
Flare up and down
Casting a gloomy shadow about the room.
My grandfather's head falls on his breast,
He is sleeping.
His loud snores frighten me
And I crawl into a corner,
Tuck myself against the wall
And also fall asleep.
The candles die out
And darkness fills the room.

"My Prayer"

I took my prayer-book
When the sun had just begun to set
To say my evening prayer.
I looked toward the heavens and the intense beauty gripped by soul
I looked to the earth and saw the little flower nodding its head.

In the distance, I heard the playing of Beethoven's music.
I threw the prayer-book away,
I had prayed