

THE WILD NORWEGIAN BOY

(the Scandinavian version of "Wild Colonial Boy")

THERE WAS A WILD NORWEGIAN BOY
STIG OLAF THORBJORNNSON WAS HIS NAME
HE WAS BORN ON THE ROCKY WESTERN COAST
NEAR A TOWN THEY CALL TRONDHEIM
HE WAS HIS FATHER'S ONLY SON
HIS MOTHER'S PRIDE AND JOY
THEY LOVED AS ONLY NORSE FOLK CAN
THE WILD NORWEGIAN BOY

AT THE TENDER AGE OF FIFTEEN YEARS
HE STARTED LIFE AT SEA
FROM CABIN BOY HE ROSE TO MATE
BY THE AGE OF THIRTY-THREE
HE SAILED THE WORLD IN MERCHANT SHIPS
HIS SEA SKILLS TO DEPLOY
TILL TIME HAD COME TO SETTLE DOWN
FOR THE WILD NORWEGIAN BOY

SO HE SIGNED OFF THERE IN OLD NEW YORK
AND HEADED WEST BY TRAIN
BOUND FOR ST PAUL MINNESOTA
TO STAY WITH HIS COUSIN SVEIN
HE THOUGHT HE'D LIKE THE FARMING LIFE
AND EXCHANGE THE SEA FOR SOY
NEXT THING HE'S NORTH DAKOTA BOUND
THAT WILD NORWEGIAN BOY!

ONE MORNING ON THE PRAIRIE
AS STIG HE RODE ALONG
THE MOCKINGBIRD REMINDING HIM
OF AN OSLO THRUSH'S SONG
HE MET THREE BACHELOR FARMERS
UNCLES JOHAN, JENS, AND ROY
WHO GREETED IN HIS NATIVE TONGUE
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"COME WITH US NOW, YOUNG NORSKE MAN
TO OUR LOVING BROTHER'S HOME
WHEN YOU MEET OUR FAIR NIECE BRUNHILD
YOU'LL LOSE ALL DESIRE TO ROAM
THEY'LL FILL YOU UP WITH LUTEFISK -
ASK FOR SECONDS, DON'T BE COY -
LINGONBERRIES AND FISKEBOLLER TOO
FOR THE WILD NORWEGIAN BOY!"

WELL, HEARING HIS NATIVE DIALECT
NEARLY BROUGHT STIG TO THE GROUND
AND HIS BRAVE YOUNG HEART RESPONDED
WHEN HE HEARD ITS MUSICAL SOUND
"I'LL RIDE WITH YOU FINE GENTLEMEN
AS THE FOURTH IN YOUR CONVOY
I'VE BEEN A LONELY MAN OUT HERE!"
SAID THE WILD NORWEGIAN BOY

NOW THE END OF YOUNG STIG'S SAGA
WILL BRING A CHEERFUL SMILE:
FAIR BRUNHILD IS HIS LOVING WIFE
SOON TO HAVE ANOTHER CHILD
A NORTH DAKOTA FARMER'S LIFE
HAS BROUGHT THEM BOTH MUCH JOY
STIG DOESN'T MISS THOSE CRAZY DAYS
AS THE WILD NORWEGIAN BOY!