

## *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  
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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!