

SINGING A SONG



Over the River and Through the Woods

Over the river and through the woods,
To Grandmother's house we go;
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh¹,
Through the white and drifted² snow.
Over the river and through the woods,
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings³ the toes and bites the nose,
As over the fields⁴ we go!

Over the river and through the woods,
Trot fast my dapple-gray⁵!
Spring⁶ over the ground like a hunting hound⁷,
For this is Thanksgiving Day!
Over the river and through the woods,
Now Grandmother's cap I spy⁸!
Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

Glossary:

- ¹**sleigh** — an open vehicle made of wood that is generally pulled by horses and is used especially for transporting people over snow or ice.
- ²**drifted** — If snow is *drifted*, it turns into a hill of snow because of the wind.
- ³**to sting** — If something *stings*, it causes a sharp pain.
- ⁴**field** — a large piece of open land.
- ⁵**dapple-gray** — a gray horse with darker gray spots on it.
- ⁶**to spring** — If a horse *springs*, it jumps to the front to run more quickly.
- ⁷**hunting hound** — a dog used to look for animals in order to catch or kill them.
- ⁸**to spy** — Here, *spy* = *see*.