

Jacob's Dream

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In the spring of 1856
With the snow still on the ground
Two little boys were lost
In the mountains above the town
The father went out hunting
The boys had stayed behind
While mother tended to her chores
They wandered from her side

The two had gone to follow him
And lost their way instead
By dusk the boys had not been found
And fear had turned to dread
200 men had gathered there
To comb the mountain side
The fires were built on the highest peak
In hopes they'd see the light

Oh mommy and daddy
Why can't you hear our cries
The day is almost over
Soon it will be night
We're so cold and hungry
And our feet are tired and sore
We promise not to stray again
From our cabin door

Now Jacob Diverd woke one night
From a strange and erie dream
He saw a path between two hills
Near a dark and swollen stream
He told his wife he saw the boys
Huddled close beside a log
For two more nights the dream returned
This vision sent from God

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A thousand men had searched in vain
The west side of pop's creek
But Jacob's wife knew of this place
And said to travel east
With a guide to take him there
Jacob came upon the scene
And found the boys cold and still
Beneath the old birch tree

Oh mommy and daddy
Look past the tears you cry
We're both up in Heaven now

God is by our side
As you lay us down to rest
In the presence of the Lord
Know that we will meet you
Here at Heaven's door

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