



OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

Based on the poem Thanksgiving Day by Lydia Maria Child

Song Lyrics

Over the river, and through the woods,
To Grandmother's house we go;
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh,
Through white and drifted snow.

Over the river, and through the woods,
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes and bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.

Over the river, and through the woods,
To have a full day of play,
Oh, hear the bells ringing, ting a ling ling,
For it is Christmas Day!

Over the river, and through the woods,
Trot fast my dapple gray!
Spring o'er the ground, just like a hound,
For this is Christmas Day!

Over the river, and through the woods,
And straight through the barnyard gate,
It seems we go so carefully slow,
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river, and through the woods,
Now Grandma's cap I spy!
Hurrah for fun! The pudding's done,
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

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Thanksgiving Day

By Lydia Maria Child

Over the river, and through the wood,
To grandfather's house we go;
 The horse knows the way,
 To carry the sleigh,
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river, and through the wood,
To grandfather's house away!
 We would not stop
 For doll or top,
For 't is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river, and through the wood,
Oh, how the wind does blow!
 It stings the toes,
 And bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.

Over the river, and through the wood,
With a clear blue winter sky,
 The dogs do bark,
 And children hark,
As we go jingling by.

Over the river, and through the wood,
To have a first-rate play—
 Hear the bells ring
 Ting a ling ding,
Hurra for Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river, and through the wood—
No matter for winds that blow;
 Or if we get
 The sleigh upset,
Into a bank of snow.

Over the river, and through the wood,
To see little John and Ann;
 We will kiss them all,
 And play snow-ball,
And stay as long as we can.

Over the river, and through the wood,
Trot fast, my dapple grey!
 Spring over the ground,
 Like a hunting hound,
For 't is Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river, and through the wood,
And straight through the barn-yard gate;
 We seem to go
 Extremely slow,
It is so hard to wait.

Over the river, and through the wood—
Old Jowler hears our bells;
 He shakes his pow,
 With a loud bow wow,
And thus the news he tells.

Over the river, and through the wood—
When grandmother sees us come,
 She will say, Oh dear,
 The children are here,
Bring a pie for every one.

Over the river, and through the wood—
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
 Hurra for the fun!
 Is the pudding done?
Hurra for the pumpkin pie!