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I have a _____ here to tell
To all my _____—you as well.
Hush, dear friends, be very _____
Hear my story, if you will.

There's a land that's quite _____,
Beyond the reach of _____ or _____;
Even traveling by _____
couldn't bring you there on course.

In this far-off land we find
A _____, and right through it winds
A _____, stretching like a string,
Thin and straight as anything.

Near the river, on each shore
Stand some _____, and, what's more
There are _____, a _____ too,
And a _____ in full view.

_____ and _____ live like brothers,
Sharing, helping one another,
Always _____ to lend a hand—
All's well in this far-off land.

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Then, it happened, one fine day,
That the _____ went away—
Well, now, what is there to _____?
Summer _____ every year!

_____ comes before you know;
Covers everything with snow—
Houses, mountain, marketplace—
All entwined with frosty lace.

All about the world is _____
In its _____ of _____;
Just like this the valley stays
'Til Pesach comes—and _____er _____.

Peasants come from all around,
Driving _____ right into town.
Every sleigh is piled high
With _____ and _____, with _____ and rye.

Jews are running everywhere,
_____ing here and _____ing there,
Faces shining as they say,
"What a splendid market day!"

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Gangs of boys go _____ing by,
_____ing, wheeling, as they fly
Over _____ as _____ and fair
As the sparkling winter air.

Other fellows race downhill,
_____ing, flying, then they spill,
_____ing, screaming as they go
'Til they land in banks of snow.

Children using all their might
_____ up _____, big and white,
Stack them up as best they can,
Make themselves a fine _____

With a _____ and _____ and eyes.
And the snowman, good and wise,
Watches one boy rub his _____
And whisper, "Stay 'til spring this year."

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_____ this year, as it turned out,
Winter never came about.
It was _____ and _____ as pitch—
Just like living in a ditch!

How the _____ did fall and fall—
Winter wasn't there at all.
There wasn't any _____ to see—
Snow had simply ceased to be.

And the market turned to muck.
Take one step, and you'd get stuck.
Try to travel, if you please—
Streets oozed right up to your knees!

A peasant with his horse and cart
Tried to cross the _____-filled mart;
Cracked his whip, "I won't be stopped!"
Poor horse—pulled until it dropped.

Then, a coachman passing through
Got his wagon stuck there, too.
How he ranted, how he cursed!
But he sank down all the worse.

All the little _____ in school
Studied late, as was the rule.
But to cross the _____ at night
Gave them all an awful _____.

(To be continued...)