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**SCRIPTS FOR SCHOOLS**

**Holiday Harvest!**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Time!**

A Choral Reading/Speaking  
Script for Intermediate to  
Advanced Voice Choirs  
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**VOICE CHOIR FORMATTING:** ALL, ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS, 6 SOLO READERS, and ALL SOLO READERS.

### **ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM:**

To find the proper beat or rhythm for this script, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each *underlined word or word part* falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the reading during performance. Once your readers feel comfortable with the beat and pace, it's time to interpret, improvise, experiment, and have fun with the piece.

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ALL BOYS:           The first Thanksgiving was in 1621.  
                              (Sixteen twenty one).

ALL GIRLS:           The pilgrims celebrated when harvesting was done.

ALL VOICES:        The Wampanoags (wamp-a-NO-ags) joined them  
                              With their chief named Massasoit (mass-a-soy-it).  
                              And all were asked to offer thanks,  
                              Then sit, eat, and enjoy it.

ALL BOYS:           What did they eat? Well, no one really knows.

ALL GIRLS: Foods from the woods and garden, and seafood, we suppose.

SOLO VOICE 1: The list is long. It would give your tongue a twisting.

ALL VOICES: But here are possibilities from facts so far existing.

ALL BOYS: Cod, bass, herring, shad, eel - bluefish too,  
Lobster, clams, mussels, and oysters in a stew.

ALL GIRLS: Duck, crane, partridge, swan, eagle, chicken, goose,  
And, of course, wild turkeys that were always  
running loose.

ALL CHORUS:

Holiday harvest! Thanksgiving time!  
Stomachs grumble with a rumble and a rhyme.  
Soon we'll have a steaming plateful.  
We are blessed and we are grateful.  
Glorious food - oh so sublime...  
Holiday harvest! Thanksgiving time!

ALL BOYS: Raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, grapes,  
Gooseberries, cherries, and plums on a plate.

ALL GIRLS: All were dried, and this is the reason:  
By harvest time they were all out of season!

ALL CHORUS:

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Stomachs grumble with a rumble and a rhyme.  
Soon we'll have a steaming plateful.  
We are blessed and we are grateful.  
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ALL BOYS:        Corn meal biscuits, wheat flour bread,  
                         Peas, beans, squash, (or pumpkins instead).

ALL GIRLS:       Hickory nuts or chestnuts - toasted and warm,  
                         Acorns, walnuts, and Indian corn.

ALL CHORUS:

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Stomachs grumble with a rumble and a rhyme.  
Soon we'll have a steaming plateful.  
We are blessed and we are grateful.  
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ALL BOYS:        Onions, lettuce, carrots, cabbage,  
                         From garden seeds, brought in their baggage.