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(COSTUME PIECES: WIFE MAY WEAR A STRAW HAT, SHAWL AND/OR APRON, IF DESIRED).

READER 1: In Manitoba, once upon a time, a farmer's wife went out to her garden to dig carrots. Instead, she dug up a pot of gold.

(5/BOY AND 4/FARMER ENTER TOGETHER. THEY MIME SEEING THE POT OF GOLD IN FRONT OF READERS AT DOWN CENTERSTAGE POSITION, DANCE AROUND, AND SHOUT "WE'RE RICH! WE'RE RICH!").

READER 2: The wife was overjoyed at her luck! She called to her husband and only son, and when they saw the pot of gold, they danced all over the turnip greens, threw golden coins at the crabapple tree, and shouted,

FARMER/BOY: "We're rich! We're rich!"

(WIFE STANDS, WALKS DOWNSTAGE AND PLACES HERSELF BETWEEN 4/FARMER AND 5/BOY).

READER 3: But the wife said,

WIFE: "We must keep this good fortune a secret. There isn't enough gold here to share with all our greedy kinfolk. And the truth is, we've got greedy kinfolk from here to Prince Edward Island!"

(4/FARMER AND 5/BOY SHAKE HEADS "YES," THEN BOY SITS ON STOOL AND FARMER SITS ON CHAIR. WIFE ALSO

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RETURNS TO HER SEAT. WHEN ALL ARE SEATED, THE READING CONTINUES WITH READER 1).

READER 3: The husband and son agreed.

READER 1: The next day, however, the son could not keep his tongue and told everyone at school about the pot of gold.

READER 2: News travels fast on the prairies and soon everyone in town knew about the pot of gold.

READER 3: Finally, word reached the farmer and his wife that kinfolk from far and wide were headed their way. The wife said to her husband,

(WIFE SPEAKS DIRECTLY TO AUDIENCE).

WIFE: "Don't worry dear. I have a plan!"

READER 1: Then she told her husband all about it.

READER 2: The next morning the wife called to her son and said,

(WIFE AND 5/BOY STAND, BUT FACE AUDIENCE AS THEY READ THEIR LINES).

WIFE: "My boy, we have received bad news. This very night there is to be another Silly-Willy Canada Goose War and we must prepare ourselves for it."

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5/BOY: "Silly-Willy Canada Goose War!"

READER 2: cried the boy.

5/BOY: "What is that, and have we had one before, and mercy me, whatever shall we do?"

WIFE: "The last war was fought before you were born. Now, you must follow my words carefully and do just as I suggest, or the geese will surely peck out the hair on your head! When the time comes, hide yourself in the flat-roofed shed. We will lock the door and board the windows. Your hair will be saved!"

5/BOY: "Sounds silly to me,"

READER 2: said the boy.

5/BOY: "But I will do as I am told."

(WIFE AND 5/BOY SIT).

READER 3: When the time came, the farmer and his wife led their son to the flat-roofed shed, put him safely inside, locked the door, and boarded the windows. Then the wife yelled,

(WIFE MUST READ THIS LINE WITH ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM. REHEARSE READERS SO THAT THE TWO FOLLOWING LINES FLOW TOGETHER SMOOTHLY AND ARE READ TO A GOOD SOLID RHYTHM OR BEAT).

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WIFE: "Oh, no. Help! It's the Super-Duper, Silly-Willy

ALL: CANADA GOOSE WAR!"

(ALL READERS SALUTE AUDIENCE IN MILITARY FASHION.
THIS MUST BE DONE IN PERFECT UNISON EACH TIME).

READER 4: The wife took a long heavy stick and began to pound on the sides
of the shed. She pounded this way and that way, no matter which
way, as long as there was enough noise. Then the wife yelled,

(SAME DIRECTIONS AS ABOVE).

WIFE: "Oh, no. Help! It's the Super-Duper, Masher-Slasher, Silly-Willy

ALL: CANADA GOOSE WAR!"

(SALUTE).

READER 5: The wife ran into her kitchen, brought out the wash tub, and beat
upon it with a wooden spoon.

(SELECT SOME READERS TO MAKE DOG AND PIG NOISES AS
BACKGROUND SOUND EFFECTS).

READER 1: Her husband let out the dog, who chased the cat into the pig pen.

(SELECT SOME READERS TO BANG, GROWL, HISS, ETC. AS
BACKGROUND SOUND EFFECTS).

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READER 2: There was banging, growling, hissing, and squealing. Then the wife yelled,

(BACKGROUND NOISES STOP).

WIFE: "Oh, no. Help! It's the Super-Duper, Masher-Slasher, Winky-Twinky, Silly-Willy

ALL: CANADA GOOSE WAR!"

(SALUTE).

READER 3: The wife freed the cows from the barn.

READER 4: Her husband freed the horses from the corral.

(BACKGROUND SOUNDS CONTINUE).

READER 5: The cows and horses mixed, mingled, and ran around the flat-roofed shed.

(MORE BACKGROUND SOUNDS ARE ADDED HERE).

READER 1: Cow sounds, horse sounds, and galloping hoof sounds filled the air. Then the wife yelled,

WIFE: "Oh, no. Help! It's the Super-Duper, Masher-Slasher, Winky-Twinky, Bony-Pony, Silly-Willy

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ALL: CANADA GOOSE WAR!"

(SALUTE).

READER 2: After a while, all noise stopped. The wife unlocked the door of the flat-roofed shed and said,

(WIFE STANDS AND PRONOUNCES LOUDLY, FACING AUDIENCE).

WIFE: "You can come out now. The war is over and your hair is saved!"

READER 3: The boy was delighted to see that his parents had survived the Super-Duper, Masher-Slasher, Winky-Twinky, Bony-Pony, Very-Scary, Silly-Willy

ALL: CANADA GOOSE WAR!

(SALUTE).

READER 4: The next morning the farmer harnessed his favorite horse and seated his son beside him in the front of the cart.

READER 2: The farmer's wife seated herself in the back of the cart,

(WIFE SITS AT THIS POINT).

READER 2: and off they went to market.