

East o'the Sun, West o'the Moon

GILL and BILL come forward and place the beaker and saucepan on the ground in front of them.

They sing:

If you'd dance then you must have
Shoes of shining leather
Money in your pocket book
In your cap a feather.
But if you would sing with me
You won't need a cent you see
So come and sing together
If you'd dance then you must have
Shoes of shining leather

The snow slide comes up.

They pick up the beaker and saucepan.

GILL & BILL They'd never seen anything like it.

They pour out paper snow and blow it— creating a blizzard.

FATHER Oh mother.

MOTHER Oh father.

FATHER The woodpile's buried beneath the snow.

MOTHER No fire.

FATHER No.

MOTHER No heat.

FATHER No.

MOTHER No cooking.

FATHER Oh no.

Oh mother.

MOTHER Oh father.

FATHER The snow's piled against the door.

MOTHER No way out.

FATHER No way in.
 Can't fetch food.

MOTHER The cupboard's bare.

FATHER Bare.

MOTHER Oh father.

FATHER Oh mother.

MOTHER & FATHER I've never ever seen anything like it.

FATHER And what about our daughter?

MOTHER Our daughter?

FATHER Our daughter.

MOTHER What about her?

FATHER Another mouth to feed.

MOTHER A pretty little mouth.

FATHER To feed. Food.

MOTHER What food?

FATHER Exactly. What food?

MOTHER For any of us.

FATHER For any of us.
 What food for any of us?

MOTHER Exactly.

FATHER Exactly.

MOTHER Oh father.

FATHER Oh mother.
 If something don't happen soon
 we'm all gonna die.

Three knocks

What's that?

MOTHER At the door.

FATHER What?

MOTHER Someone's at the door.

FATHER The door.

Three more knocks

FATHER But the snow's piled against the door.

MOTHER If we open the door.

FATHER The snow'll all fall in...

MOTHER ... and bury us alive.

FATHER Bury us.

Three more knocks

MOTHER Whoever it is might be freezing.

FATHER We can't open the door

MOTHER We must open the door.

FATHER We can't.

MOTHER We must.

FATHER We can't.

GILL In the middle of the room

BILL stood a big white bear.

BEAR Your daughter.

MOTHER Our daughter?

BEAR Give me your daughter.

MOTHER Certainly not.

BEAR I'll reward you well.

MOTHER You're not having our daughter.

BEAR She'll live in a palace.

MOTHER Will she?

BEAR You'll be rich beyond your wildest dreams.

MOTHER Will we?

BEAR So what do you say?

MOTHER No.

BEAR I shall return next Thursday.
Talk to your husband.
Discuss it with your daughter.
Then give me your answer.

MOTHER The answer's no.

BEAR Next Thursday.

GILL And the bear was gone.

FATHER Oh mother.

MOTHER Oh father.

 Why didn't you say anything?

FATHER I was overly surprised.

MOTHER The answer's no.

FATHER Is it?

MOTHER Of course it is.

FATHER She'd live in a palace.

MOTHER A palace.

FATHER We'd be rich.

MOTHER Rich.

FATHER Beyond our wildest dreams.

MOTHER Dreams.

FATHER No more hunger.

MOTHER Hunger.

FATHER No more cold.

MOTHER Cold.
 But she's our daughter.

FATHER And we love her.

MOTHER Love her.

FATHER We want what's best for her.

MOTHER Best for her.

FATHER 'Xactly

MOTHER 'Xactly.

MOTHER & FATHER Best for her.

MOTHER You talk to her.

FATHER Tell you what.

MOTHER What?

FATHER I'll talk to her.

 Petal?

*in the background the girl sings: wash, wash,
 rinse , rinse,
 clean a shirt to find a prince)*

 Petal?
 Leave the washing petal.
 We must talk.

GIRL I heard everything, father.

FATHER Why didn't you say something?

GIRL It would have been rude to interrupt.

FATHER There's a good maid.

GIRL Yes father. Thank you father.

FATHER So it's settled then, petal?

GIRL Is it father?

FATHER best for us all.

GIRL To send me away?

FATHER You'll live in a palace, petal.

GIRL A long way away.

FATHER A glittering palace.

GIRL Do you love me father?

FATHER Don't make this difficult, petal.

GIRL No father. Sorry father.

FATHER Your mother and I
have thought about this long and hard.

GIRL Yes father, I know.

FATHER Best be ready for the bear then Petal.
Finish the washing
then pack your bag.
There's a good maid.

GIRL Yes father.

GILL And she did as her father told her

she finished the washing

BILL she packed her bag

GILL and she waited for the bear.

BILL Next Thursday camr

THE Bear appears

BEAR Did your mother speak to your father?

GIRL She did.

BEAR Did your father speak to you?

GIRL He did.

BEAR Are you ready?

GIRL I am.

BEAR Are you afraid?

GIRL No.
No, I'm not.

BEAR Good.
Then climb on my back
and hold tight.

Blanket of white
whirl of the snow
we race

GIRL through the white

BEAR of the ice

GIRL world

BEAR Blanket of white
Fling of the snow

GIRL Flakes flung in my face

BEAR We race

GIRL through the white

BEAR of the ice

GIRL world

BEAR Blanket of white
Whirl of the snow

GIRL My face in his fur to keep warm

BEAR We race

GIRL through the white

BEAR of the ice

GIRL world

BEAR Blanket of white
Whirl of the snow

GIRL Fingers ache in the wind

BEAR We race

GIRL through the white

BEAR of the ice

GIRL world

BEAR Your new home.

GIRL It's huge.

BEAR Built entirely of ice.

GIRL It's a palace.

BEAR Here you'll have all you can want.

GIRL How will I know what I want?

BEAR Are you hungry after your journey?
Ring this bell.
A creature of ice will serve you.

 I must be about my business.

GIRL Thank you. Bye

 Thankyou.
Yes.
I am hungry.

She rings the bell. An ice creature brings her food

Thank you.

Delicious.

What's your name?

Have you lived here long?

Do you like living here?

Please speak.
Please.

Please talk to me.
Who am I going to talk to?

What are you doing?

The ice creature gives her a blanket

Sleep.

Yes sleep.
I'm tired.

Goodnight.

Won't you wish me goodnight?
My mother always wished me goodnight.

Goodnight.

BILL As she settled down to sleep
a most extraordinary thing happened.

GILL The bear came into her room
to protect her.

But as he settled down to sleep

BILL the shaggy fur of the Bear
became the smooth skin of a young man
and it was a Prince that slept in her room that night
to protect her.

GILL The girl didn't know this

She slept soundly
in the darkness of her room
exhausted by her journey.

BILL When she woke
it wasn't the Prince
but the Bear who greeted her.

BEAR Good morning.

GIRL Good morning.

BEAR You slept well I hope.

GIRL Very well. Thank you. What are we going to do today

BEAR I must be about my business.

GIRL What am I going to do?

BEAR Ring the bell
and a creature of ice will bring whatever you desire.

GIRL Bye
Whatever I desire.
Whatever I want.

She rings the bell. The Ice Creature enters.

I want you to talk to me.

I desire you to talk to me.

Where does the bear go?
What exactly is his business?
You bring me food
you bring me drink

I live in a beautiful palace of ice
but I have no-one to talk to.

BEAR It's late.
You're not asleep.

GIRL Where do you go?

BEAR When?

GIRL During the day?

BEAR I have my business to attend to.

GIRL What is your business?

BEAR I cannot tell you.

GIRL Oh, thank you, sorry. ?

BEAR Blow out the candle.
No light till morning.
I must sleep in your room
to protect you.

GILL As before the Bear lay down to sleep

BILL And as before

the shaggy fur of the Bear
became the smooth skin of a young man
and a Prince slept in her room
to protect her.

GILL The girl stirred in the darkness

 she heard him breathing in his sleep.

GIRL Is that you, Bear?
Is that you breathing?

 Where's the candle?
Let me see.

PRINCE No. No candle.

GIRL Is that your voice, Bear?

 You sound different.

PRINCE Sleep.

 Back to sleep.

 Wait for the morning.

GIRL But ...

PRINCE Sleep.

GILL And so her life continued
for many months.

 The bear left her each sunrise.

BEAR I must be about my business.

GILL And returned to her each sunset.

BEAR Blow out the candle.
No light till morning.

GILL And the girl wondered more and more
who
or what
was sleeping in her room.
Until one day.....

BEAR I must be about my business.

GIRL I want to see my parents.

BEAR Not possible.

GIRL I want to see how they are.

BEAR They're well.

GIRL I want to kiss them
hug them
talk to them
hear their voices

BEAR You've left them behind
This is your home now.

GIRL My heart will burst.
I'm so miserable.

BEAR Do my creatures of ice
not bring what you want?

GIRL They can't bring me the love
my parents gave me.

Please let me see them.

BEAR I have to be about my business.

GIRL Please.

BEAR Very well.
But you must promise me one thing.

GIRL I promise.

BEAR You don't yet know what it is.

GIRL Whatever it is I promise.

BEAR You must promise me
not to speak alone with your mother.
She will try to turn you against me.

GIRL She'll never do that.

BEAR She'll try.
Do you promise?

GIRL I promise.

BEAR Then climb on my back
 and hold on tight.

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 whirl of the snow
 we race

GIRL through the white

BEAR of the ice

GIRL world

BEAR Blanket of white
 Whirl of the snow

GIRL My face in his fur to keep warm

BEAR We race

GIRL through the white

BEAR of the ice

GIRL world

 Where are we?

BEAR This is your parents' new home.

GIRL It's enormous.

BEAR They're rich.
 I made them rich.

GIRL A swimming pool.
 And a huge garden.

BEAR I kept my promise to them.
 You keep yours to me.
 Don't speak alone to your mother.

GIRL I promise.

 Father, mother
 where are you?
 It's me
 I'm back.

 I've come to see you.

Father!

FATHER Petal!

GIRL Are you pleased to see me?

FATHER Of course I'm pleased.

 Why are you here?

GIRL I needed to see you.

FATHER Oh?
Is it money you're after?

GIRL No, I just needed to see you.

FATHER Oh.

 You'll be wanting to see your mother I expect.

GIRL And you father.
I've come to see you both.

FATHER I'll let her know you're here d'irectly Petal.
She'll be delighted.
Mother!

He goes

GIRL Oh father.
Why aren't you delighted?

MOTHER Petal!

GIRL Mother.
You've changed.

MOTHER Have I?

GIRL A little more...

MOTHER Shapely?
It's all them chocolate donuts we can afford
now that we're so rich.

GIRL I'd hardly have recognised you,
you look so well.

MOTHER And you
look at you

haven't you grown.
Quite the young lady.

GIRL Where's father gone?

MOTHER He's about his business Petal.
busier than ever with all this money.

GIRL I can't talk to you without him here.

MOTHER That might be rather difficult Petal.

GIRL I promised the bear.

MOTHER You promised the Bear?
Why?
What does he think I'll do?

GIRL He thinks you'll turn me against him.

MOTHER Why would I do that?

You're happy?

GIRL I think so.
When he's there.
But every night ...

MOTHER Yes, every night?

GIRL I 'm not sure I should tell you.

MOTHER Of course you should Petal.
That's what mothers are for.

Every night –

GIRL Every night
the bear sleeps in my room
to protect me.

But I think there's someone else.

Or else the bear turns into someone else.

Because there's different breathing
and a different voice.

MOTHER You must light a candle.
See who's there.

GIRL I'm not allowed.
The bear won't let me.

MOTHER Not allowed?
You could be in danger Petal.

GIRL You taught me to do what I'm told.
And the bear told me not to light a candle.

MOTHER You've always been a very good maid.
But sometimes
just sometimes mind
it's right not to do as you've been told.

Especially if you think you're in danger.

What if this bear bain't a bear at all?
What if this bear
be a troll?

GIRL A troll?

MOTHER A troll.
It's happened before.

GIRL Has it?

MOTHER I wondered for a while if your father weren't a troll.

GIRL He ain't, is he?

MOTHER Of course he ain't.

But this bear.

GIRL How will I know?

MOTHER Trolls are hideous.

You must light a candle -
see his face.

But do it when the bear be asleep.
Then if the bear be a bear
and the bear don't wake
the Bear'll never know
and there's no harm done.
All right Petal?

GILL And her mother gave the girl a candle end
which the girl hid in her bag.

Mother goes and the Bear appears.

BEAR You've been speaking with your mother.

GIRL Only to tell her I love her.

BEAR You spoke to her alone.

GIRL My father was there most of the time.

BEAR Was he?

GIRL Some of the time.

BEAR She's turned you against me.

GIRL Of course not.
She's very fond of you.
You made them rich.

BEAR Did she talk of trolls?

GIRL Trolls? Trolls?
What are trolls?

BEAR So you're telling me she didn't?

GIRL No.
Yes.
She didn't.
Let's go home.

BEAR Climb on my back
and hold tight.

Blanket of white
bite of the snow
we race

GIRL through the white

BEAR of the ice

GIRL world

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GIRL My face in his fur to keep warm

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GIRL through the white
BEAR of the ice
GIRL world

Time for sleep.

BEAR Already?
GIRL I'm tired after the journey.
BEAR Won't you talk with me tonight?
GIRL Tomorrow.
 I'm much too exhausted tonight.

BEAR Then blow out the candle
 no light till morning

 We'll leave the candle
 outside the door.

 I must sleep in your room
 to protect you.

The Bear goes to sleep.

GIRL She couldn't sleep
 she was much too excited.

The Bear turns into the Prince

She lights the candle

GIRL Who are you?

 You're beautiful.
 You're certainly not a troll.

 I want to kiss you.
 I want so much to kiss you.

 I've never wanted to kiss anyone before.
 Why do I want so much to kiss you?

He wakes, splashed by the hot candle wax

PRINCE Ah!! What have you done?

GIRL I want so much to kiss you.

PRINCE You've burnt me.
The hot wax dripping from the candle.

GIRL Who are you?

PRINCE You stained my shirt.
You lit a candle.

GIRL Where's the bear?

PRINCE Is this what your mother told you to do?

GIRL She said I had to find out.

PRINCE If only you could have waited.
Now it's all over.

I shall be carried away by the Trolls
to their Castle
east o'the sun and west o'the moon.

We shall never see each other again.

GIRL I don't understand.
Who are you?
Where is the Bear?

PRINCE I'm the Bear,

I'm a Prince.
But I'm also the Bear.
The Trolls cast a spell on me.

If we had lived together for a year
without you ever seeing me as the Prince
then the spell would have been broken.

GIRL Why didn't you tell me?

PRINCE I couldn't.

Why didn't you do as I said?
That's why I chose you.

GIRL I couldn't

My mother told me to find out

who was in the room with me.

PRINCE Now I will have to marry the Troll Princess
who is horribly hideous
frightfully bad-tempered
and speaks a language that nobody can possibly understand.

GIRL I won't let the Trolls carry you away.
I shall hold you tight.

PRINCE We can't stop them.
They're already here.
You'll fall into a deep sleep.

GIRL No

PRINCE When you wake
I shall be gone.

GIRL No

PRINCE Your parents will lose all that they have.
This is the end.

GIRL No.
Our story has only just begun.

She collapses

BILL When she woke
not only had the Prince disappeared
carried away by the Trolls
to their castle
East o'the Sun
West o'the Moon
but the glittering palace
had vanished as well.

GILL The girl found herself alone
in the middle
of a deep dark forest
trees towering above her.

GIRL Gone.
All gone.
The Prince and his palace of ice

Where to find this castle of the trolls that lies
east of the sun and west of the moon?
What kind of direction is that?

East of the sun - easy.
The sun rises in the east.
So I travel to where the sun rises
and then a bit further.

But west of the moon?
West is the opposite direction.
And the moon moves around the sky in different places.
It doesn't make sense.

I don't know where to start.
And there's no-one to ask.

What I do know is
I'm not where I want to be.

So I've got to start walking.
That's the only way to get anywhere.

She starts journeying through the forest

She sings

In my heart I will carry
the flame of my love
that was lit
when the candlelight eagerly flared in the night
nothing can threaten my love for you
nothing will stop me from reaching your side

She meets the daughter

DAUGHTER Hello.

GIRL Hello.

The daughter quaffs a drink from her golden flask

DAUGHTER Well?

GIRL Well?

DAUGHTER Are you thirsty?

GIRL Very.

DAUGHTER Then why don't you ask?

GIRL I'm not sure that I should.

DAUGHTER Of course you should.

GIRL Then may I?

DAUGHTER Of course.

The daughter hands over the flask and the girl drinks

GIRL The flask is still full

DAUGHTER And?

GIRL And?

DAUGHTER There's something else you need to ask.

GIRL Is there?

DAUGHTER Of course.

GIRL What?

DAUGHTER How to get there.

GIRL Where?

DAUGHTER To the Prince.
You won't get anywhere if you don't ask.

GIRL I thought it might be rude to ask.

DAUGHTER Not if it's important.

GIRL Then can you tell me?

DAUGHTER Tell you what?

GIRL What you said.

DAUGHTER You must ask properly.

GIRL Can you tell me where to find the Prince?

DAUGHTER Yes I can.
You'll find your Prince
In the castle of the Trolls
east of the sun and west of the moon.

GIRL I know that already.
But where is east of the sun and west of the moon.
And how do I get there?

DAUGHTER That I can't say.

GIRL Then I know no more
 than I did before.

DAUGHTER Ask my mother.
 She lives in the middle of the moors.
 Take my horse
 He knows the way.

 And my golden flask.
 It will never run dry.

GIRL How can I thank you?

DAUGHTER By being bolder.
 Ask questions or you'll never reach the Prince.
 Goodbye now, and good luck.

The Daughter disappears.

The horse trots off with the girl on his back

GIRL Over the mountains and moorlands I search for you
 Far from the woodlands and wastelands I seek for you
 Search for you seek for you
 Long for you look for you
 Nothing will stop me from reaching your side

She finds the mother who is eating from a golden pot

GIRL Bolder.
 I'll have some of that.

MOTHER You'll what?

GIRL Some of that food - I'm hungry.

MOTHER No you won't.

GIRL But I asked.

MOTHER No, you demanded.

GIRL This is so muddling.
 First I'm told off for not being bold enough.
 Now I'm told off for being rude.

MOTHER There are ways of asking.

GIRL Please, then.
Please may I have some of your food?

MOTHER Yes you may.

The girl eats

GIRL Your pot's still brimming over

MOTHER And?

GIRL And.
Please can you tell me how to reach the Prince?

MOTHER No I can't.
Your Prince is in the castle of the Trolls
east of the sun and west of the moon.
But how to get there I cannot say.

GIRL So I'm no nearer than before?

MOTHER You're maybe a tiny weeny bit nearer
but you've still have a long, long way to go.

You must ask my mother.

GIRL Your mother?

MOTHER My mother.
She lives high in the mountains.
Climb up on my daughter's horse there
He knows the way.

And take my golden pot.
It'll never empty.

GIRL How can I thank you?

MOTHER By taking care how you talk to people.
Don't make them angry or you'll never reach your Prince.
Goodbye now, and good luck.

The Mother disappears.

The horse trots off with the girl on his back

Ever watching never sleeping
No need of rest with the thought of you leading me on
onwards I journey to be with you
nothing will stop me from reaching your side

She finds grandma who is weaving a golden shawl

GIRL Hello.
 I wonder
 it's so very cold up here in the mountains
 may I perhaps borrow the shawl you're weaving
 to warm myself for a moment. Please

GRANDMA Indeed you may.
 With the greatest of pleasure.

Grandma wraps the girl warm in the shawl

I've been watching you from the day you were born.
I've been making this shawl for you all your life.

GIRL All my life?

GRANDMA You've important work to do.

GIRL And can you tell me where I must go.

GRANDMA East of the sun and west of the moon is where you must go.
 But that isn't the question you need to be asking.

GIRL How do I get there.
 That is the question I need to ask.

GRANDMA And I know who might be able to be helping you now.
 Is that the answer you want to be hearing?

GIRL Yes.
 Thank you.
 Will you tell me. Please.

GRANDMA The winds.

GIRL The winds?

GRANDMA The four winds of the world.
 If anyone can carry you there,
 it is they.

We shall summon the Wind of the East.
He'll know what to do.

Wind of the East,
come leave your cold home
this girl has a journey
she can't make alone

carry her safe to the Trolls fearsome castle
East o'the Sun and West o'the Moon

EAST W The Castle of the Trolls
 that lies East of the sun and west of the moon.

I've heard of it often
But never seen it.
I've never blown that far.

GRANDMA For the sake of this girl you will though
 won't you?

EAST W I can try.

 Where is the little girl I'm to carry?

GRANDMA She stands at your feet.
 Ready for the journey.

EAST W Oh yes, I see her.

 Come here my dear.

 Make yourself ready
 for the journey of your life.

They set off

After a while he starts slowing down

No, I'm tiring, I'm afraid.
I'm running out of puff.
And the castle is nowhere to be seen.

I'll call on my brother, the Wind of the West.
He's younger and stronger than I am.
Perhaps he can carry you the rest of the way.

The east wind summons his brother

Wind of the West,
come leave your warm home
this girl has a journey
she can't make alone
carry her safe to the Trolls fearsome castle
East o'the Sun and West o'the Moon

The west wind appears

EAST W Brother.
WEST W Brother.
EAST W We need your help.
This girl must travel
east of the sun and west of the moon
to the castle of the trolls.
WEST W I've heard of it often
But never seen it.
I've never blown that far.
EAST W For the sake of this girl you will though
won't you brother?
WEST W I sure can try.
Come to me, little one.
Hold on tight

The girl is passed to the west wind

I'll blow as hard as I can.

The west wind carries the girl through the clouds.

WEST W Jimminy Cricket
I'm mean tuckered out.
We've travelled further today than I've ever travelled before.
But still the castle of the Trolls is nowhere to be seen.
We must call on my brother,
the Wind of the South.
He's blown far and wide in his time.
He should be able to help.

Wind of the South
come leave your sunny home
this girl has a journey
she can't make alone
carry her safe to the Trolls fearsome castle
East o'the Sun and West o'the Moon

The south wind appears

Brother!
SOUTH W Bro!

WEST W This girl must travel to the castle of the trolls
East of the sun and west of the moon.

Lend her your strength.
Carry her in your arms.

Help her to find her Prince.

SOUTH W I've never reached there yet,
but for your sake bro' I am ready to give it a try.

The girl is passed to the south wind

The south wind carries the girl through the clouds.

SOUTH W I can't do it.
I'm so sorry.

I thought I could carry you there
but I can't.

You have one last chance.
There's one more brother.
The Wind of the North
the strongest and fiercest of us all.

But he's a bad tempered old boy
I don't know if I can persuade him.

I shall summon him
but when he appears
you're gonna have to do the talking.

Wind of the North,
come leave your icy home
this girl has a journey
she can't make alone
carry her safe to the Trolls fearsome castle
East o'the Sun and West o'the Moon

SOUTHW You're on your own now kid. Good luck.

The north wind appears

NORTH W Who is calling of me?
Where are you?
Is this some kind of a funny ha-ha joke?

GIRL Excuse me.
I need your help.

NORTH W Who's that squeaking away at me?
Is that you
right down there on the ground?

GIRL Yes, it's me.
Can you hear up there
with your head in the clouds.

NORTH W Yes
I can hear you
just.

 What is it you think you're doing
disturbing me of my rest?

GIRL I'm sorry to be a nuisance
but nobody in the world can help
except you.

NORTH W Why should I be helping you?
You're a human-being if I'm not mistook.

GIRL I have to reach my Prince.

NORTH W I'm not interesting by that.

GIRL He's a prisoner in the castle of the trolls,
that lies east of the sun and west of the moon.

NORTH W Still I am not interesteing.

GIRL You're afraid, are you?

NORTH W Afraid?
Me afraid?
How dare you.

GIRL But you're just not strong enough.

NORTH W Of course I am strong enough.

 I blew an aspen leaf there once,
when the world was being young.

SOUTH W That was just a leaf.
You'd never be able to carry
a big girl like me.

NORTH W Of course I would.

GIRL I don't believe you.

NORTH W How dare you contradict.

GIRL You'll just have to prove it.

NORTH W Come here, you cheeky monkey.

He picks up the girl

 There's nothing I can't do.

THEY SET OFF

GIRL Look what's happening down there.

NORTH W It can't be helped.

GIRL Whole forests of trees torn up by the roots.

NORTH W That's what happens when I'm in a hurry.

GIRL I don't want the world to suffer because of me.

NORTH W Do you want to be getting there
 or do you not?

GIRL Of course I do.

NORTH W Then you will kindly
 be buttoning up of your lip

GIRL Are we nearly there?

NORTH W Not far now, not far.

GIRL You're slowing down.

NORTH W Of course I'm not.

GIRL You are. We're getting lower.

NORTH W Don't distract me.
 I must concentrate my cosmic energy.

GIRL We're still falling.
 You can't do it, can you?
 We're not going to make it.

NORTH W Stop you're yapping.
 We're almost there.
 One last blow.

They land

GIRL Are you all right?

NORTH W Of course I'm all right.
What a silly question.

GIRL Thank you.

NORTH W You've done well little one.

GIRL It's thanks to you I've got this far.
I can't fail now.

NORTH W It's not over yet.
The trolls are a fearsome people.
They are speaking a language
that nobody is understanding of.

GIRL 'Scuse me Mr North Wind
but are you sure this is east of the sun and west of the moon?

NORTH W Of course I'm sure.

GIRL Then where's this Castle?

NORTH W Ah
the castel is buried deep beneath the earth
you must squeeze through that crack
in the face of the cliff.

GIRL What crack?

NORTH W Goodbye now little one
and good luck.

The north wind goes

GIRL Ah
that crack.
It must be very hot down there
How am I going to reach him?

What a disgusting smell.

She is nearly overcome

BILL The girl was almost overcome by the poisonous gases
 belching from the belly of the earth

He helps her drink from the golden flask

GIRL Such wonderful water
 I feel clean inside.

 And the flask's as full as ever.

She staggers

BILL She felt suddenly weak with hunger
 after all the adventures of the day

He helps her eat from the golden pot

GIRL There's never been a meal as delicious.
 And the pot still brimming over.

She looks puzzled

BILL How to protect herself against the heat
 from the castle of the Trolls?

GIRL My Shawl!
 With my shawl wrapped round me
 I'll have nothing to fear.

She sings

 In my heart I have carried
 the flame of my love

BILL She squeezed through the crack in the cliff

GIRL that was lit
 when the candlelight eagerly flared in the night

BILL and found herself

GIRL nothing can threaten my love for you

BILL In the castle of the trolls

GIRL nothing will stop me from reaching your side

She enters the castle

BILL All was lit with the flicker
 of a thousand flaming torches
 sending the shadows scurrying along the walls.

GIRL Where's the Prince?
 Where are you?
 Hello. It's me. I made it. I've come to save you

Suddenly the troll-princess erupts from her hiding place

TROLL-P Hwa eart? Hwæt wolde?

GIRL Who are you?

TROLL-P Ic sciere thone stefn-hals.

GIRL I don't understand.
 That's a very difficult language you've got there.

 The Prince.
 I have come to see the Prince.
 You must take me to see the Prince.

TROLL-P Prince?

GIRL A man. Tall. Strong. Handsome. Dyed blond hair.

TROLL-P Ah ya!
 Atheling.

GIRL Yes, Atheling.

TROLL-P Atheling min.

GIRL He is yours?
 You're the Princess!
 The Troll Princess he has to marry.

The troll princess produces a wedding-veil

TROLL-P Mine wed-bremende helm.

GIRL I must see him.
 I give you this.

She holds out the flask

 Look. Full. I drink.

She drinks

Still full.
You.

The troll-princess drinks

TROLL-P Wæter is god.

GIRL This is for you
if you take me to see Atheling.
Yes?

TROLL-P This. You (*POINTING TO HERSELF*).

GIRL You. (*POINTS TO TROLL-PRINCESS*)
Take me see Atheling.

TROLL-P Me see Atheling
Ya.

The girl hands over the flask to the troll-princess

Com!

GILL The Troll-Princess led the girl
along the twisty tunnels
climbing ever deeper down
towards the middle of the earth.

TROLL-P Snude and softe.

GILL Until at last they came to a heavy iron door
with a tiny window at the very top

TROLL-P Atheling!

GIRL The Prince! Atheling!

TROLL-P Reste.

GIRL Reste?

TROLL-P Atheling durstig.

GIRL(whispering) Prince! Are you there? It's me I've come to save you.

The Troll-Princess secretly drugs the water-flask

TROLL-P Eine minute.

The troll-princess goes into the cell and closes the door behind her. We see her giving the Prince water from the flask.

GIRL Let me in.
 Let me see him.
 Let me hold him in my arms.

The troll-princess comes back through the door

TROLL-P Nu thu feolan miht.

The troll-princess indicates that she can enter

GIRL At last!

The girl rushes into the cell

Asleep.
As beautiful as you were when I saw you first in the candle-light.
But wake.
You must wake.
Wake up.

Are you ill?

Oh wake, please,
please wake.

TROLL-P Is endian. Gewitst.

The girl emerges from the cell

GIRL No, I can't go yet.
 I haven't spoken to him.
 He's still asleep.

GILL And the troll princess dragged the girl
 back through the twisty tunnels
 until they came again
 to the crack in the cliff

TROLL-P Oot!

GILL But the girl didn't leave the castle of the trolls.
 Next day she was ready to try again

GIRL Is this the way
 the Troll-Princess brought me?

I've got to find him.

It's so hot down here.

The troll-princess re-appears

TROLL-P Thu.
 Hier agin.

GIRL Yes me.
 Here agin.

TROLL-P Wheart wolde?

GIRL Let me see him again.
 Me - Atheling.
 See again.

TROLL-P Ne.

GIRL Please.

TROLL-P Ne, na, ne.

GIRL Please, please, please.

TROLL-P Ne, na, ne, na, ne, na, ne.

The girl takes out the golden pot and tastes the food

GIRL Ummm. Good.

TROLL-P God.

GIRL Very good.

TROLL-P Micel god.
 Giefan.

GIRL Me - Atheling
 See again.

TROLL-P Atheling, yes.
 Giefan.

GIRL Please.

TROLL-P Please.

The girl hands over the golden pot

Com!

GIRL And once again
the Troll-Princess led the girl
through the twisty tunnels
till they came once again to the heavy iron door
with the tiny window at the very top

GIRL My Prince.

TROLL-P Atheling wed-bremende.

GIRL Wed-bremende
Wedding
when?
Tomorrow?
To-morgen?

TROLL-P Wed-bremende to-morgen?
Ne
wed-bremende to-daeg.

GIRL Today?
Oh no.
The wedding's today.

TROLL-P Reste.
Atheling hungrig.

The Troll-Princess secretly drugs the pot

GIRL Prince! Can you hear me?
We have one last chance,
you're going to be married to the Troll-Princess
today.

TROLL-P Eine minute.

The Troll-Princess goes into the cell and is seen feeding the Prince

GIRL What are you doing in there?
I've given you the pot,
now let me in.

PRINCE Who's that talking out there?

TROLL-P Atheling!
Up-shute thine muth!

GIRL I hear his voice.
Let me in.

TROLL-P Nu thu feolan miht.

The troll-princess indicates that the girl can enter

GIRL Out of my way.

TROLL-P Please

GIRL Please.

The girl rushes into the cell

No! You can't still be asleep!
I heard you talking.
I've been tricked.
She's done something to you.
What can I do?
It's over - I give up.

TROLL-P Is endian. Gewitst.

The girl comes out of the cell

GIRL What have you done to him?
You've tricked me.
What have you given him to make him sleep?

TROLL-P Ne
ic undernime nawiht.

GIRL Oh you understand alright.

TROLL-P Ne

GIRL Oh yes you do

TROLL-P Oot!

GIRL This shawl.
Look.
My shawl.

TROLL-P Shawl.

GIRL For you.
Let me see Atheling.

TROLL-P Ne.
Ne hit wyscan.

GIRL Beautiful.

TROLL-P Sciene.

GIRL For your wedding.
Wed-bremende.

TROLL-P Wed-bremende.

Sciene shawl fur mine wed-bremende

GIRL You want this?

TROLL-P Want this.

GIRL See him?

TROLL-P Ya.
Reste.

GIRL No. I won't reste anymore
I want to see him straight away.
Before you give him anything more to eat or drink.

TROLL-P Alrichte. Giefen.

GIRL Please.

TROLL-P Please.

GIRL Alrichte

TROLL-P Nu thu feolan miht.

The girl pushes past the troll-princess into the cell

GIRL My prince

PRINCE You're here.

GIRL You're awake.

PRINCE How did you get here?
I never thought I'd see you again.

GIRL Once I'd made up my mind
nothing was going to stop me.
But you're to be married tomorrow
to the troll-princess.

PRINCE There may be a way around that.
When you first saw me by candle-light
you spilt three drops of candle-wax on my shirt.

These three drops
can only be washed out
by she who spilt them in the first place.
You.

GIRL But how is that going to help us.

PRINCE No time to explain. Trust me on this one.

GIRL But I don't understand.

PRINCE Persuade the Troll-Princess.
that I'm still asleep.

GIRL Alright. I'll try.

PRINCE Goodbye now
and good luck

GIRL I'll need it

Oh no
Oh no
the Atheling is still asleep.

TROLL-P Ic habbe gewinnan.
Ic habbe thine flasc.
Ic habbe thine pott.
And nu ic habbe thine shawl.
Flasc, pott, shawl.
Ic habbe ealle.

And ic habbe mine Atheling

GIRL Before the troll princess could drag the girl out of the castle
she hid herself behind a mighty rock.
And watched
whilst the castle was prepared for the wedding celebrations
under the watchful eye
of the King of the Trolls.

TROLL-K Mine likkle dohtor.

TROLL-P Mine diddy-daddy doodoo

They sing a wedding-bell ditty

TROLL-K Mine lytel dohtor
Nimst thu thisne atheling
to beon thine leofeling brydguma?

TROLL-P Ya. Ic do.

TROLL-K Atheling.
Nimst thu mine gylden lytel dohtor
to beon thine bryd.

No answer from the Prince

TROLL-K Atheling.
Nimst thu mine gylden lytel dohtor
to beon thine bryd.

PRINCE No.

TROLL-P Ne?

TROLL-K Ne?

PRINCE No.
It's not possible.
On my shirt.
there are three drops of wax.
I will only get married
when my shirt is clean.
And I will only marry her who cleans the shirt.

TROLL-K Dohtor. Waschen thisne schmock

TROLL-P Ya diddy-daddy
Ic sceal thisne smocc geclænsian.

The Troll-Princess goes into the cell

TROLL-P Atheling
nohty nohty Atheling
giefe me thine smocc!
æf! æf! æf! æf!
æf! æf! æf!

PRINCE Listen.
If I'm to take my shirt off
the least you can do
is turn out the light

TROLL-P Alrihte.
O Atheling!

TROLL-K Atheling Æf mid sine smocc!

The Troll-Princess emerges with the shirt

TROLL-K Dohtor, waschen

He hands a bucket to the Troll-Princess

TROLL-P Wæsc, wæsc, gnidath, gnidath
clænsiath smocc und sloh afliegath

Ic wische and ic wasche
and ic rube rube rube
and ic splishe and ic sploshe
and ic scrube scrube scrube

with the wæter and the soape
will ic clæne clæne clæne
Atheling wed-bremende
shall be mine mine mine

Wæsc, wæsc, gnidath, gnidath
clænsiath smocc und sloh afliegath

TROLL-K Clæne shirt.

TROLL-P Ne ne ne!
Ist wierce than before
Hwæt mæg ic don?

GIRL But there was nothing the troll-princess could do.
The harder she scrubbed the dirtier it got.

TROLL-P Wæsc, wæsc, gnidath, gnidath
clænsiath smocc und sloh afliegath

When she's finished the shirt is black

TROLL-P Diertig diertig diertig

GIRL I shall clean the shirt

TROLL-P Thu hier agin?

GIRL Yes.
Me here agin.
Give me the shirt

TROLL-P Ne

GIRL Please

TROLL-P Ne

GIRL Now

TROLL-P Ya.

She throws the shirt to the girl

GIRL Give me the bucket

TROLL-P Ne

GIRL Please

TROLL-P Ne

GIRL Now

TROLL-P Ya.

She hands the bucket to the girl

GIRL Wash, wash, rinse, rinse
Clean a shirt to find a Prince

The shirt emerges pure white

I think you'll find that's perfectly clean.
Would you like to give this to the Atheling.
Please.

TROLL-P Atheling
mine luvlig luvlig Atheling

The Troll-Princess exits in a rage

I did it.
I've made it clean again.
I've saved us.

PRINCE You have
you've saved us all
This is the girl I must marry
No-one else.

GIRL What's happening?
What's that noise?
Why is the ground starting to shake?

PRINCE It's the trolls
Look at them
They're so angry I think they're going to explode.

We must get out of here before the palace blows up.

BOTH Run!!!!!!!!

They spin away as the palace is destroyed and snow falls

FATHER Oh mother!

MOTHER Oh father!

BOTH I've never seen anything like it.

FATHER I let her go.

MOTHER You let her go

FATHER I should never have let her go.

MOTHER She had to go.

FATHER All I cared for was the money.

MOTHER The money

FATHER Oh mother

MOTHER Oh father.

FATHER Petal.

MOTHER Who's that with her?

FATHER It's a young man

MOTHER That's no young man.
That's a Prince.

FATHER A prince?

GIRL My Prince. I've saved us. Now we can live again.

PRINCE Was it a dream?

The white bear.

GIRL The money.

PRINCE The castle of the trolls.
East of the sun ...

GIRL ...and west of the moon.

PRINCE Just a dream?

GIRL No.
 Not just a dream.
 We've been on a journey.

PRINCE A huge journey

GIRL and we've got this far.

PRINCE Now we must get ready for another journey.

GIRL The journey of the rest of our lives.

THE GIRL STARTS TO SING – HE JOINS HER

Snow had fallen snow on snow
Snow on snow
In the Bleak Midwinter
long ago.

THEY WAVE

Goodbye.

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