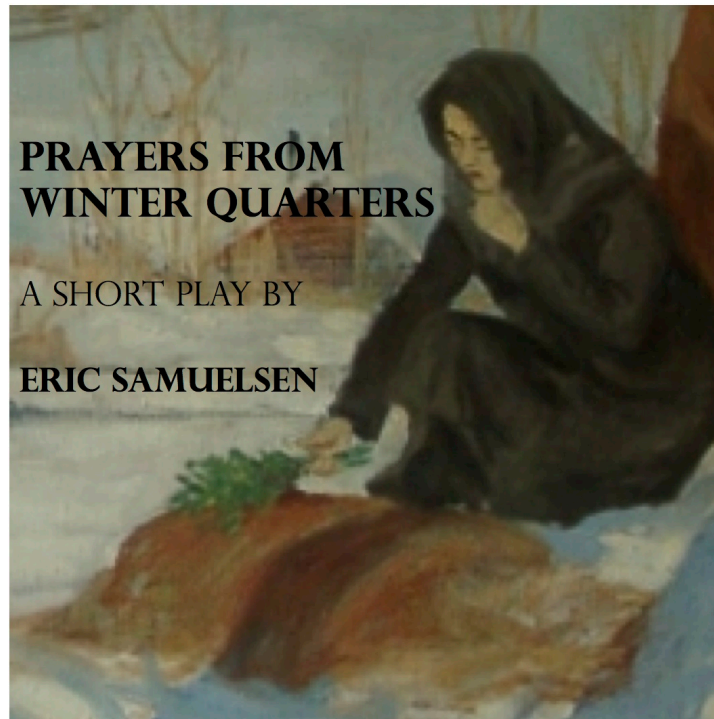


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PRAYERS FROM WINTER QUARTERS by Eric Samuelsen. 3W. While perfect for use by, say, a Relief Society for their monthly meeting, it can also be theatrically produced by a Ward, Stake or Community Theatre. The topics associated with the play are: Prayer, Faith, Pioneers, Trials, Enduring, Being Thankful. It can be produced as a Reader's Theatre or it can be memorized. It is very simple. No setting. No props. Costumes could be worn, or the characters could stay in modern dress. That might tie-in more closely the prayers from Winter Quarters with women of the modern day. For a Relief Society presentation, each prayer could be separately cast to involve more women. **ORDER #2055**

Prayers from Winter Quarters

(First Prayer)

FIRST WOMAN: Dear gracious father. I thank thee, Lord, for blessings cold.

SECOND WOMAN: Hidden.

THIRD WOMAN: Disguised as trials.

SECOND WOMAN: For ice, and sleet, and snow.

THIRD WOMAN; And cold.

FIRST WOMAN: I thank thee. For ice, that turned a river to a highway.

That dark, bitter morning, our burning homes behind us.

Slipping, sliding, run from the mobs. Driving the oxen, driving the wagon. Driving us west from the mobs.

SECOND WOMAN: For midstream current beneath our feet.

THIRD WOMAN: For fear, for sharpened wits.

ALL: Thanks be to thee.

FIRST WOMAN: For driving sleet, for sharp reminders, that keep us awake, alert on the trail.

ALL: We thank thee.

FIRST WOMAN: For biting cold, taking the weary old, the newly born young. . . . Home, back to thee, to thy warmth and thy rest.

THIRD WOMAN: Happy day, for those freed from the trials of the trail.

SECOND WOMAN: I thank thee. For snow, which hides our paths from our enemies.

FIRST WOMAN: Snow that blankets. . . .

SECOND WOMAN: Snow that covers. . . .

THIRD WOMAN: Snow that blinds. . . .

FIRST WOMAN: We are safe, hidden deep in snow.

SECOND WOMAN: They call this place Winter Quarters.

THIRD WOMAN: Bitter sanctuary.

FIRST WOMAN: Thank thee, dear Lord, for thy blessings.

(End First Prayer)

(This is one of five prayers in this script)