

(As they sing, we see a ballet of movement, as HAGOTH and his family pack and move.)

FROM “**IMPRESSIONS ON PLATES OF GOLD**”

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CHOIR:

HAGOTH WAS A CURIOUS MAN, AN EXCEEDING CURIOUS MAN
IF HE SAW A ROCK, HE'D LOOK BENEATH IT,
SAW A HOUSE, HE'D LOOK AROUND IT
SAW A TREE, HE'D TRY TO CLIMB IT
SAW AN OCEAN, TRY TO SWIM IT.
HAGOTH WAS A CURIOUS MAN, AN EXCEEDING CURIOUS MAN
A CURIOUS MAN

(MUSIC underscore)

HAGOTH'S WIFE: I've got to say, Ghana isn't so bad, once you get used to it.

DAUGHTER: I love the jungle sounds at night.

A SON: And the hot sun at noon.

ANOTHER SON: And the really big cool icky bugs!

HAGOTH: Hey, kids. Come on, let's get packed again.

DAUGHTER: Dad!

A SON: I thought you liked it here.

HAGOTH: I do. Of course I do. It's just ...

HAGOTH'S WIFE: What?

HAGOTH: Greenland! I've been thinking about Greenland.

HAGOTH'S WIFE: Greenland.

A SON: Here we go again.

HAGOTH: Frozen tundra, long winter nights, the roughest terrain on earth. Doesn't it sound marvelous!

DAUGHTER: My friends...

HAGOTH: Let's get packed. Time for another adventure!

(Again, movement ballet as the CHOIR sings.)

CHOIR:

HAGOTH WAS A WANDERING MAN, AN EXCEEDING WANDERING MAN
IF THERE WAS A STREAM, HE'D FORD IT,
IF A PEAK, HE'D TRY TO CLIMB IT,
IF A CANYON, PACK RIGHT THROUGH IT
IF AN OCEAN, TRY TO SWIM IT
HAGOTH WAS A WANDERING MAN, AN EXCEEDING WANDERING MAN
A WANDERING MAN

(MUSIC UNDERSCORE)

HAGOTH's WIFE: If you don't mind freezing your toes at night, Greenland does have its good points.

DAUGHTER: It's neat to look at the walruses.

A SON: The northern lights are beautiful.

ANOTHER SON: And mosquitoes as big as your hand!

HAGOTH: Now, aren't you glad we had this adventure?

HAGOTH's WIFE: (Warily.) Sure.

HAGOTH: Just think how much more fun we'd have someplace new.

HAGOTH's WIFE: Oh, no!

DAUGHTER: Dad, get real.

HAGOTH: What could possibly be more real than a life spent seeing the world?

HAGOTH's WIFE: Where this time?

HAGOTH: Tibet. Biggest mountains you've ever seen.

HAGOTH's WIFE: Tibet?!?!?

DAUGHTER: My friends...

A SON: I was just getting used to tundra.

HAGOTH: Come on. Life is meant to be enjoyed. Let's see the world, all of it. Who's with me?

HAGOTH's FAMILY: (*United, dismayed, resigned.*) We are.

CHOIR:

HAGOTH WAS A TRAVELING MAN, AN EXCEEDING TRAVELING MAN.

WHEN HE BUILT A SHIP, HE THEN SUPPLIED IT

FOUND A CREW, HE HAD TO TRAIN IT

TOWARDS THE SUN, AND SAILED BEYOND IT

SAW AN OCEAN, HAD TO CROSS IT!

HAGOTH WAS A TRAVELING MAN, AN EXCEEDING TRAVELING MAN.

A TRAVELING MAN.

A WANDERING MAN.

A CURIOUS MAN.

A CURIOUS MAN!

MORONI: An adventure. Get on a boat, and sail around, and see what you can see. I could do that.

There's nothing to hold me here.

(Pause.)

Except I've already seen what there is to see.