

A Legend of the Northland



Thinking about the poem

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(1) It is a country in the north where days are short and nights are long.

(2) Saint Peter asked the old lady for a piece of cake. The lady behaved miserably and kept decreasing the size of the cake. At last she did not give him anything to eat.

(3) He cursed her and made her a wood pecker.

(4) The wood pecker because the hard and dry ~~tree~~ wood to get its food.

(5) No, she would not have done this. on the contrary, she would have given him happily with the best to get a handsome ~~reward~~.

(6) No, it is an imaginative story. It is a legend. The third stanza of the poem is very important.

(7) A legend is a story from ancient times about people and events. The title of the poem tells that it is a legend. The poet himself says that I don't believe it is true.

(8) The poem is a story of an old woman. She is asked by scientist Peter for alms who has become weak because of fasting and traveling. But her greed forces her not to give him anything. He becomes angry and makes her a wood pecker who boxes hard, dry wood ~~to~~ to get food. Her clothes are burnt to ashes and she is left with a cap on her head.

She continues bearing into hard
wood for her little food.