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Once upon a time there was a widow who had one son. She was sick and she was feeble, and the son had to help around the house.

“Son,” she said one day, “go out to the storehouse and get some meal for our porridge.”

So the lad went out to the storehouse for the meal. Just as he was coming down the steps with the ground meal in his hands—“Pfff!” came the North Wind and scattered it all about.

The boy went back for more meal. Again the North Wind blew it out of his hands. The same thing happened a third time.

Then the boy decided this must stop. “Poor folk like us can’t afford to lose good food. I’ll just look up the North Wind at his home and ask him to give the meal back.”

So the widow’s son set out for the home of the North Wind. He walked and he walked and he walked. And after a long while, he came to the place where the North Wind lived.

“Good day,” said the lad to the North Wind. “And thank you for coming to see us yesterday.” He