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NARNIAN SPRING

by

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A feast is laid upon the table top.
The bird will break the best-made carving knife.
One feaster's fork held halfway to his mouth,
His hoary hand is not endowed with life.
In woods beneath a tall oak tree they sit,
With frightened faces that seem carved from stone.
A fox, a dwarf, two satyrs and some squirrels,
Each day they gaze as if chilled to the bone.
Though long has been the Winter Queen's cold rule,
Frost is quickly melting from their clothes.
The holly decorations are quite new.
I think I saw one squirrel just twitch his nose.
Fair spring has come to banish winter's death
On a breeze that feels like Lion's breath.