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WINTER (Cheremissian folk song)

(soprano)

There beneath the silver birch,

Rain is falling all around.

Over in the lime tree grove,

Snow lies thick upon the ground.

Lul-la la la, lul-la la la, lul-la la la, lul-la la la.

Only friendship warms our hearts,

Shielding us from winter's blast.

On the lake where sailed the boats,

Skaters now go gliding by,

And the fields that once were green,

Sparkle white beneath the sky.

Ah, ah, ah,

Warmth and comfort can be found

Only in the hearts of friends.

(alto)

Lul-la la la, lul-la la, la lul-la, lul-la la la,

lul-la la, la lul-la, la lul-la, la lul-la, la lul-la, la:

La la, la la la, la la, lul-la la la

Only friendship warms our hearts,

Shielding us from winter's blast.

Lul-la la la la la.

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mmm.....

ah.....

Warmth and comfort can be found

Only in the hearts of friends.

(tenor/bass)

La, la, la, la, la, lul-la la la, lul-la la la,

Lul-la, la la, la, la, la.

There where stands the sturdy oak,

Summer's heat is gone at last;

Only friendship warms our hearts,

Shielding us from winter's blast.

La, la, la

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mmm.....

Now with ice and frost and snow,

Winter's cold on us descends.

Warmth and comfort can be found

Only in the hearts of friends.