

## 'FETCHING WOOD'

I'VE OFTEN HEARD IT STATED  
THAT FIREWOOD WARMS TWICE.  
BUT TO MY CALCULATIONS  
IT WARMS MORE THAN THRICE.

IT WARMS WHEN YOU CUT  
A TREE FROM IT'S STUMP  
AND AGAIN WHEN YOU BLOCK IT,  
THEN YOUR HEART BEGINS TO PUMP.

AND AGAIN WHEN IT'S LOADED  
IN THE OLD PICK-UP TRUCK.  
IT'S ONLY LOADED ONCE, UNLESS  
YOU HAVE BAD LUCK.

THEN, AFTER THE SHORT,  
OR LONG RIDE TO YOUR HOME,  
YOU CLIMB FROM THE TRUCK AND  
FEELING STIFF JOINTS, YOU GROAN.

BUT THE JOB ISN'T FINISHED,  
SO YOU DILIGENTLY PACK  
EACH BLOCK TO THE WOODSHED  
AND MAKE A NEAT STACK.

NOW, UP TO THIS POINT,  
THE TIMES WARMED IS FOUR.  
BUT THAT'S NOT THE TOTAL  
BECAUSE IT WARMS TWICE MORE.

SOME BLOCKS ARE SO LARGE  
THEY MUST BE SPLIT  
WHEN INTO THE STOVE THEY GO  
AND A FLAME IS 'LIT'.

NOW COMES THE BEST PART  
AND THE SIXTH TIME IT WARMS  
AS WE SIT IN A COZY HOME  
WHILE OUTSIDE IT STORMS.

IT'S A FUN TIME FOR FAMILIES  
AND ALL FOR THE GOOD  
AND WORTH ALL THE TROUBLE  
THE JOB OF 'FETCHING WOOD'.

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