## WHEN WINTRY WINDS DO BLOW

- At least a few who would consent to make a trip, but lo!
- Although he tramped for hours he failed to get a man to go.
- Lest there be some who'll think this scarcity of men was due
- To stormy weather, I will try and prove this thought untrue.
- For Jones had "Grip"; Smith had a back with pain that made him groan;
- Brown's wife was sick, he couldn't think of reaving her alone;
- And Casey was subpoenaed as a witness for next day;
- Of course, we know, from court he wouldn't dare remain away;
- Poor Grey, he told the caller that that day he had received
- A telegram informing him that he had been bereaved;
- The funeral would be at once and he would have to go,
- Much as he would enjoy the fun of railroading in snow;
- Jack Reynolds didn't dare go out lest he should catch more cold,
- For mustard plasters, even then, his body did enfold.
- Thus one by one the thirteen men excused themselves that day.