

TSOQALEM

"A feast in plenty! Hast not heard
The order of the day,
And how the shaman spake the word
For feast?" And she said, "Nay—

"For I am deaf as deaf can be,
Oh, deaf and blind I am!
But dumb I am not yet," quoth she . . .
"A shaman for his shamanry,
A clam-stick for a clam!"

"So-so!" cried one, "but thou shouldst dig
For clams along the shore!"—
"I dig," quoth she, "where clams are big.
For one, and not a score!"

And round the jokers turned to go,
And whispered, "Let her be!"
And fleered and jeered again, but lo!
They laughed not merrily.