

And the greasy smoke in an inky cloak went
streaking down the sky.

I do not know how long in the snow I wrest-
led with grisly fear;

But the stars came out and they danced
about ere again I ventured near,

I was sick with dread, but I bravely said:
"I'll just take a peep inside.

I guess he's cooked, and it's time I looked,"
then the door I opened wide—

And there sat Sam, looking cool and calm in
the heart of the furnace roar;

And he wore a smile you could see a mile,
and he said: "Please close that door.

It's fine in here, but I greatly fear you'll let
in the cold and storm—

Since I left Plumtree, down in Tennessee, it's
the first time I've been warm."

*There are strange things done in the midnight
sun*

By the men who toil for gold:

The Arctic trails have their secret tales

That would make your blood run cold;

The Northern Lights have seen queer sights,

But the queerest they ever did see

Was that night on the marge of Lake Lebarge

I cremated Sam McGee.

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