



# Thanksgiving Day

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In six - teen - twen - ty, pil - grims came from far ac - ross the sea. They  
 The Wam - pan - oag brought ven - i - son, the pil - grims did the rest. ——— We  
 It was a feast of har - vest time, and on Thanks-giv - ing day,

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 came here hop - ing they would find re - li - gious li - ber - ty. The  
 Chest - nuts, wal - nuts, squash and peas, their corn - meal mush was best. Of  
 hon - or them and cel - e - brate our his - tory in this way, Our

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 clim - ate cold, they strug - gled, with Squan - to's help re - cov - 'red, And  
 birds, ducks swans or tur - key, there might have been beef jer - ky, Of  
 fam - ily gets to - geth - er, no mat - ter what the wea - ther. Our

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 by the next year had a feast that end - ed on day three.  
 sea - food, lob - ster, oyst - ers, clams, of fruit they did feel blessed.  
 hearts are filled with grat - i - tude as we eat our buf - fet.

The music the Pilgrims were most familiar with was their songs of worship. They did not sing the traditional hymns of the day because they were not part of the scriptural canon. As Puritans, they sang the Psalms, and may have been familiar with the following melody, which would have been sung in unison without accompaniment.

## Psalm 5

Genevan Psalter of 1556, Scotland

And all that hope in Thee for stay Shal joy, shal showt et - er - nal - lie;

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 And Thou shalt cov - er them; and they That love Thy name, be glad in Thee.