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Spellblast

Soon winter will fall We can't waste another day From Salt Lake we will leave Head to Californian gold fields

A slow draining march On the Old Spanish Trail The wobbling pioneers' wagons Were carrying our hopes

Mile after mile With the sunset light in the eyes Our shadows were growing longer Towards the place that we used to call home

The promise of a new life
Bewitched by the glaring yellow stones
Consuming mud and spitting blood
To shine that dream of liberty

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Once left the main road
Impatience moves our slow-paced gait
Only the bravest dare
To climb the arduous Walker's pass

Desert in front of us
Frost on the snow-capped peaks
One last desperate march
In the deep valley to avoid death

Mile after mile
Alone with the burden of many
Our shadows were growing longer
Towards the place where we can not return

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