

Thanksgiving



Times Remembered
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Since Thanksgiving will be spent by ourselves, my husband, Bob and I will be eating and celebrating; just the two of us. My family and I have decided it is too risky for us to get together on Thanksgiving Day.

Our children, Tara and Steve are teachers and coaches, therefore they have been exposed to many students with COVID-19 over the last month. They haven't had the virus, but you can be a carrier of it and not know it. So we decided to spend thanksgiving, just the two of us.

It's very difficult to miss being with your daughter and family but it's best to spend Thanksgiving at home than to spend Christmas in the hospital with COVID -19. I'm sad; very sad but you know that's life and we have to put on our big girl/boy panties and do what's best for our country to try and control this virus.

I'm thinking of some of the wonderful Thanksgiving experiences over the years that has brought me comfort and happiness.

I will never forget all the fun I had in grade school when the holidays were approaching. Especially, Thanksgiving and Christmas plays, singing Christmas carols at school, singing, "God Bless America," "The Star Spangled Banner," and at Thanksgiving, singing "Over the River and Through the Woods;" also being allowed to recite the "Pledge of Alliance," to the flag and the Lord's Prayer.

Our 4th Grade teacher, Mrs. Richardson, loved music, and we sang every morning. Music in school was something I looked forward to every morning. It lifts you up.

I enjoyed coloring the mimeograph pictures of turkeys for Thanksgiving. The teacher posting them on the wall

with names on them. Teachers taught history, the history of Thanksgiving and other events in American History. I loved American History. We knew the difference between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War; history was important then.

I've just always been interested in history. I've always been impressed by the faith the Pilgrims demonstrated when they held the first Thanksgiving festival. Though they suffered much while starting a new life in the new world, they also recognized God had clearly and miraculously guided their steps. Their experience was a little better than others who attempted to colonize on American shores. Plymouth settlers lost 50 percent of the number; but Jamestown in Virginia had lost 90 percent. The Plymouth settlers had successfully built a little community and grown crops to provide for themselves, while other colonies were totally dependent on supplies from England. Yes, God blessed them abundantly and they sincerely offered their thanks and praise.

OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS
Over the River and through the woods,
To grandmother's house we go;
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh,

Thorough the white and drifted snow!
Over the river and through the woods,
Oh how the winds does blow!
It stings the toes and bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.
Over the river and through the woods,
To have a first - rate play;
Oh, hear the bells ring, 'Ting-A-ling-ling!'
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!
Over the River and Through the Woods
Trot fast, my dapple gray!
Spring over the ground,
like a hunting hound!
For this Thanksgiving Day.
Over the River and through the woods,
And straight through the barnyard gate.
We seem to go extremely slow
It is so hard to wait!
Over the river and through the woods,
Now Grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the Pumpkin Pie!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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