

## The Finnmark Miracles



New to Finland, Rauma's calling, with Elder Banford by my side,  
From Rauma, on to Turku, where a meeting was to hide.  
President Wade said, "Family Night," the best way to impart,  
We needed one location, a place to start the work of heart.

We tried the clubs, the hospitals, the prisons, and the rest,  
Two days of constant 'no's, put our spirits to the test.  
But if you're in the work of the Lord, the path will clear for you,  
When you serve in faith and diligence, what else is there to do?

Three miracles unfolded, a testament so clear,  
He provides in every moment, calming every fear.  
Then luck, or grace, or wonder—a kindergarten kind,  
A lady smiled and opened doors, a welcome we did find!

For special needs children, a sweet and gentle crowd,  
The Elders and the Sisters, would make the Lord feel proud.  
The mission was accomplished, the place was finally set,  
We rushed down to the station, to catch the train we met.

But pockets bare and spirits high, a problem we soon found,  
One Finnmark short for train fare, on the platform we stood bound!  
Five minutes till the whistle, we knew we couldn't pay,  
A silent prayer ascended, as the train pulled far away.

We sold the final Book of Mormon, to a gentleman in grace,  
And used the little change we had, to light up every face.  
'Cause if you're in the work of the Lord, the path will clear for you,  
When you serve in faith and diligence, what else is there to do?

Three miracles unfolded, a testament so clear,  
He provides in every moment, calming every fear.  
Back on the tracks to Rauma, our hearts began to race,  
We knew the cupboards waited, a very meager space.

Just one sad box of Cream of Wheat, with weevils as the treat,  
No checks were due for weeks and weeks, we braced ourselves for defeat.  
But then the mail was opened, a letter lying there,  
My father's timely check arrived, a blessing we could share!

Enough to tide us over, to serve another day,  
We dropped upon our knees and thanked Him for the way.  
Elder Banford moved to Helsinki, he never saw the light,  
But the Family Home Evening was a spiritual delight.

With special needs children, we served with hands and heart,  
A beautiful success story, right from the very start.  
Oh, if you're in the work of the Lord, the path will clear for you,  
When you serve in faith and diligence, what else is there to do?

Three miracles unfolded, a testament so clear,  
He provides in every moment, calming every fear.  
Yes, miracles can happen, if we are in the work of the Lord,  
The kindergarten, the train fare, and the check adored.

The work of the Lord! The work of the Lord!