

The Ballad of the Finnish Mission Dogs

Dog story inspired by the experience of Veli Rudd, Veli Wahlquist, Veli Perkins, & Veli Nuttall

(Verse 1 - In Oulu)

Veli Rudd and Veli Wahlquist went a-knocking door to door,
Found a see-through picket fence and a German Shepherd's roar!
The lady said, "Come join me!" as she tied him to a tree,
"Don't worry about the koira, boys, just sit and talk with me!"

(Chorus) Oh, the missionaries bring out the beast in every dog,
From Oulu down to Moormäki, through the Finnish winter fog!
With their name tags and their briefcases and their haircuts neat and trim,
Every German Shepherd in Suomi wants to sink its teeth in them!

Hei! Hei! Voi voi voi!

(Verse 2 - Still in Oulu)

The dog ran free, ignored them while they shared the gospel light,
But when Veli Rudd and Veli Wahlquist stood to say good night—
That furry beast went bananas, jumping, barking, trying to bite!
The lady grabbed the crazy koira, held him with all her might!

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(Verse 3 - The Great Escape)

Veli Rudd was at the gate, trying hard to latch it tight,
When the dog broke free and charged them—oh what a frightful sight!
The latch clicked shut, the fence held firm, they lived another day,
While that dog behind the picket fence had violent things to say!

(Bridge - In Moormäki)

Now in Moormäki's basement sauna, steam rose hot and high,
Veli Nuttall showed his stitches to Veli Perkins' eye,
"A German Shepherd got me good, on my arm and on my leg!"
(In Finland, even löyly time includes a humble beg!)

(Verse 4 - The Omakotitalot Attack)

A few days later tracting through those Finnish homes so neat,
Past the omakotitalot on a quiet residential street,
A German Shepherd came a-running, teeth all bared and mean,
Veli Nuttall turned and bolted—fastest elder ever seen!

(Verse 5 - The Statue)

But Veli Perkins froze right there like a Nordic ice sculpture grand,
Held his briefcase like a kilpi, the only shield at hand!
The owner called, "Pois, pois, koira!" and saved him from his doom,
Veli Perkins thought, "This time I won't follow to the room!"

(Final Chorus)

Oh, the missionaries bring out the beast in every dog,
From Oulu down to Moormäki, through the Finnish winter fog!
With Veli Rudd and Veli Wahlquist, Veli Nuttall, Veli Perkins too,
They learned that Finnish German Shepherds always know just what to do!

They'll chase you through the sauna steam,
They'll bite you in your missionary dream,
They'll bark until you scream and shout,
Those Finnish dogs will sniff you out!

Hei! Hei! Voi voi voi! Yikes! WOOF WOOF WOOF!