Harry Snow "Many Moons Ago"

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Many moons ago in a far off place Lived a handsome prince with a gloomy face For he did not have a bride

Oh, he sighed, "Alas" and he cried, "Alas" For alas, the prince couldn't find a lass Who would suit his mother's pride

For a princess is a delicate thing Delicate and dainty as a dragonfly's wing You can recognize a lady by her elegant air But a genuine princess is exceedingly rare

On a stormy night to the castle door Came the lass the prince had been waiting for "I'm a princess lost", quoth she

But the queen was cool and remained aloof And she said, "Perhaps, but we'll need some proof I'll prepare a test and see"

"I will test her thus", the old queen said
"I'll put twenty downy mattresses upon her bed
And beneath those twenty mattresses, I'll place one
tiny pea
If that pea disturbs her slumber then a true princess is
she"

Now the bed was soft and extremely tall But the dainty lass didn't sleep at all And she told them so next day

Said the queen, "My dear, if you felt that pea Then we've proof enough of your royalty Let the wedding music play"

And the people shouted quietly, "Hurray!"

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