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Lord every year we gather here To eat around this table Give us the strength to stomach as much As fast as we are able Bless this food to our use Thoughâ€[™] communication's useless Don't let me drink too much wine Lord you know how I get ruthless

Let us somehow get through this meal Without that bad old feeling With history and memory And home cooking we're dealing Remind us that we are all grown up Adults, no longer children Now it's our kids that spill the milk And our turn to want to kill them

I look around and recognize A sister and a brother We rarely see our parents now We hardly see each other On this auspicious occasion This special family dinner If I argue with a loved one, Lord Please make me... the winner

All this food looks and smells so good But I can hardly taste it The sense of something has been lost There's no way to replace it After the meal, switch on the game There's just a few more seconds But I'm so tired, I need a nap The guest bedroom bed beckons

I fall asleep, I have a dream In it is the family Nothing bad has happened yet And everyone is happy Mother and Father, both still young And naturally they love us We're all lying on a lawn at night Watching the stars above us

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