

## Palehorse

### "Mustn't Grumble"

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Pan koÃ²ikov is a carpenter. he works alone.  
Every day he looks out at the summer sky  
Through the grimy bars of his small window.  
But he is happy. forty years of toil and strife  
Are finally paying off. word is getting around  
The small town, and he's getting more work.  
Everyday at noon he goes to buy bread from  
The baker down the road. on the way he passes  
A little girl begging in the street, dirt on her  
Clothes and her hands. her name is anna and  
Everyone in town knows her. he spared  
Her hardly a second glance. despite her pleas  
For food - everyday is the same.

One day pan koÃ²ikov is very happy. he is  
Getting more and more work and decides to  
Buy two loaves instead of the usual one. as he  
Passes anna, he relents, and for the first time,  
Gives her a loaf of bread. the next day, anna  
Is back at her station. she is convinced that  
That was the extent of her luck. but pan  
KoÃ²ikov beckons her over to his workshop;  
He sends her to buy the bread, promising her  
A fresh loaf. the next day, expectant, anna  
Needs no beckoning. she runs to buy the  
Bread and is happy.

This continues everyday until the sky  
Gradually turns grey and the winds start  
To pick up... the old man looks out of  
His door. anna is waiting for him as per  
Normal. he slowly steps out and looks  
Down at her. "sorry", he says. "there is  
No bread today. for you, or for me. people  
Will not buy my tables in winter." she  
Turns, and walks away, and sits back down  
In her old position on the street once more...

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