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## Christmas in Utah

by Leslie Norris

In barns turned from the wind  
The quarter-horses  
Twitch their laundered blankets.  
Three Steller's Jays,  
Crests sharp as ice,  
Bejewel the pine tree.  
Rough cold out of Idaho  
Bundles irrational tumbleweed  
The length of Main Street.

Higher than snowpeaks,  
Shriller than the frost,  
A brazen angel blows his silent trumpet.

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**Leslie Norris'** latest book is *Albert and the Angels* (Farras, Straus & Giroux).

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