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Chapter-5

A Legend of the Northland

This poem is a legend of an old lady who angered St. Peter because of her greed.

Away, Away in the Northland, Where the hours of the day are few, And the nights are so long in winter That they cannot sleep them through:

Where they harness the swift reindeer To the sledges, when it snows; And the children look like bear's cubs. In their funny, furry clothes:

They tell them a curious story I don't believe It is true; And yet you may learn a lesson if I tell the tale to you.

Once, when the good Saint Peter Lived in the world below, And walked about it, preaching, Just as he did, you know,

He came to the door of a cottage In
travelling round the earth, Where a little
woman was making cakes, And baking
them on the hearth;

And being faint with fasting For the day
was almost done, He asked her, from her
store of cakes, To give him a single one.

So she made a very little cake, But as it
baking lay, She looked at it, and thought it
seemed Too large to give away.

Therefore she kneaded another, And still a
smaller one;

But it looked, when she turned it over As
large as the first had done,

Then she took a tiny scrap of dough, And
rolled and rolled it flat; And baked it thin
as a wafer -

But she couldn't part with that.

For she said, "My cakes that seem too
small When I eat of them myself Are yet
too large to give away So she put them on
the shelf.

After reading the above poem , Write it's
summary in your language