

**Mountain Mornings**  
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October rains are falling  
A cold North breeze is calling  
The buttermilk clouds are stalling

The old rusty windmill shakes  
and rattles in the gusty wind  
The barren oaks sway and bend

The crows flutter and noisily call  
as they peck at the scattered grains  
from the autumn wheat straw

Signs of winter are in the frosty air  
A warm wool sweater is nice to wear  
Mountain mornings are sometime cold to bear

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