

Ode to Saint Urho

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Ooksi kooksi coolama vee  
Santia Urho is ta poy for me!  
He sase out ta hoppers as pig as pirds.  
Neffor peefor haff I hurd tose words!  
He reely tolt tose pugs of kreen  
Braffest Finn I effer seen  
Some celebrate for St. Pat unt hiss nakes  
Putt Urho poyka kot what it takes.  
He kot tall and trong from feelia sour  
Unt ate kala moyakka effery hour.  
Tat's why tat kuy could sase toes peetles  
What krew as thick as chack bine neetles.  
So let's give a cheer in hower pest vay  
On Sixteenth of March, St. Urho's Tay.

\*\*\*Gene McCavic reads the Ode to St. Urho  
\*\*\*The Ode as originally written refers to St. Urho  
chasing out frogs instead of grasshoppers, and to  
May 24th as St. Urho's Day.  
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