

Flickering Flames

Flickering flames dancing high
Spluttering logs
Singing kettle
Smell of bread baking in side oven
Sparks flying as fire is poked
More sparks as logs are put on
Kettle removed to make tea
Settling down for a nice cuppa
Father stocking up his pipe
Cats and dogs curling round his feet
Mother checking then removing bread from oven
Allowing bread to cool slightly
Then cutting two thick slices
Lashing the butter on them
And eating a slice each with cheese and pickled onions
Another cup of tea
Then up the stairs to bed.

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