

RIB LAKE IS THE PLACE  
 IN THE UNIVERSAL SPACE  
 AND I HEARD SO MANY SAY IT IS NO GOOD!  
 BUT LET ME TELL YOU THIS  
 WE GOT MORE & BETTER BIZ  
 THAN MOST THE PLACES AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.  
 WE GOT MILLS WE GOT LOGS  
 IN THE LAKES AMONG THE FROGS  
 AND A LUMBER YARD THAT EXTENDS FOR MANY YARDS.  
 WE GOT BRANDY 90 PROOF  
 THAT WILL MAKE YOUR BELLY MOVE  
 IN OLD OLYMPIAN IT WAS DISTILLED BY GODS  
 A DRUG STORE YOU CAN SEE  
 SELLING ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEA  
 AND SUM OTHER DRUGS & MEDICINES YOU MAY NEED  
 SUCH AS CARTERS LIVER PILLS  
 ICE CREAM & SOME SODA GRILLS  
 ALSO SUM PSYSIPIDILLA SEEDS  
 AND A BAKERS SHOP AT THAT  
 MAKING BREAD THAT MAKES YOU FAT  
 AND SOME OTHER SWEETS THATS SURE WILL MAKE YOU THRIVE  
 AND WE GOT A MONEY BANK  
 THAT IS #1 IN RANK  
 ITS RELIABLE IT NEVER FAILED US YET  
 PUT YOUR MONEY IN THEIR SAFE  
 WORK & PRAY AND DO BEHAVE  
 AND WHEN OLD YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM COLD & WET  
 A DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIRE  
 WE HAVE GOT THAT WE ADMIRE  
 ONE CAN ALWAYS GO TO BED AND FEEL SECURE  
 WHEN THEY COME WITH HOSE & SPOUT  
 ALL THE FIRE WILL GO OUT  
 AND IT HARDLY PAYS TO HAVE YOURHOUSE INSURED  
 WE GOT BOYS WE GOT GIRLS WITH SOME FASCINATING CURLS  
 AND A FACE AS SWEET AS ANY CAN DEMAND  
 AND THEY DANCE AND THEY PLAY & THEY SWEAR  
 & THEY PRAY  
 ANYTHING THAT SUITS THE PURPOSE JUST AT HAND  
 WE GOT CHURCHES WE GOT SCHOOLS  
 WE'VE GOT SMARTIES WE GOT FOOLS  
 PLUGGING ALGEBRA & LATIN MOSTLY SLANG  
 LOTS OF GOOD RELIGIOUS FOLKS  
 CHURCHES MOSTLY ORTHODOX  
 ONLY ONE FREETHINKER IN THE WHOLE SHEBANG  
 AND A LIVELY MUSIC BAND SOMETIMES PLAYING ON THE STAND  
 NOTED FOR GOOD MUSIC & SOME HARMONY  
 AND SOME TAVERNS SELLING POP ALWAYS GETTELMAN ON TAP  
 WHERE THE BOYS CAN HAVE THEIR BEER WITH CARDS & DICE —

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 in Rib Lake on the south side  
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