

# A Holiday Shale





Come sit by the fire, while I tell you the tales  
of oil & gas from the American shales

George Mitchell, the man who started the play  
Knew back then what we all know today  
Drill the source, not the adjacent sand  
And the stone will yield to the pumper's command

He drilled vertical wells for seventeen years straight  
He tried gasses and gels, but the results weren't great  
Through trial and error, he found the right track  
Drill horizontal – use a slickwater frack.

Mitchell had found the key to the lock  
That kept oil & gas trapped in the rock  
With the door now open, word spread cross the land  
The time for shale gas was now at hand



A man named Zagorski soon made his name  
With the Marcellus Shale in Southwestern PA  
In Two Thousand and Four, Renz was completed  
And the Shale gas revolution has never retreated

In the Dakotas they drill the oil rich Bakken  
Eagle Ford in Texas, and I hear people talking  
Niobrara and Utica, Haynesville and more  
Our shales extend from shore to shore

With our energy secure, our country is strong  
But not everyone is cheering along  
The Park Foundation and the NRDC  
Have made it perfectly clear they don't like what they see  
Abundant resources conflict with their plans  
Of pastoral poverty and wind farm filled lands  
Would the people at Park share the same goal  
If Ithaca, New York was resting on coal?

And Ian Urbina, unimpressed by the facts  
Continues to publish his groundless attacks



But outside New York, people are finding good news-  
Of jobs and prosperity - and funding for schools  
Our rural communities are growing again  
Providing meaningful work for their women and men



Days grow short as we enter December  
It's important to take time - to stop and remember  
We give thanks for our fortune and humbly pray  
That all of our workers stay far from harm's way.





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