



Power trucks and workers taking a much needed break from the 24/7 job of cleaning up the mess from the Ice Storm. On this particular evening, Monday, December 21, there were ten trucks idling around the Common and up Center Pond Road. Some of Nelson had their power back by this day, but many others did not get power back until Christmas Eve or even after Christmas. Everyone helped each other as we all made it through those rough days without power. It was also great to have the new firehouse facilities for showers, clothes washing, shared dinners and comradery. Most of us managed to maintain a good bit of humor throughout as noted by this parody below.

THE TWELVE DAYS WITHOUT POWER

Christmas Season 2008

Rewording by Laurie and Jonathan Smith and Sung to the tune of the Twelve Days of Christmas

Dedicated to all the hardworking souls who got us all back on line.

On the first day without power my true love said to me, "Let's get a pizza and see a movie."

On the second day without power my true love said to me, "Let's dine by candle light. Or get a pizza and see a movie."

On the third day without power my true love said to me, "Gee! I'm glad we have a wood stove, let's dine by candle light, Or get a pizza and see a movie."

On the fourth day without power, my true love said to me, "We'd better haul some water, Glad we have a wood stove, Let's dine by candle light Or get a pizza and see a movie."

On the fifth day without power my true love said to me, "I can't find my head lamp..... Better haul some water, Glad we have a wood stove, Let's dine by candle light, Or get a pizza and see a movie."

On the sixth day without power my true love said to me, I (you) need a

shower, I can't find my headlamp....., Better haul some water, Glad we have a wood stove, Let's dine by candle light Or get a pizza and see a movie."

On the seventh day without power, my true love said to me, "I stoked the fire last time, You need a shower, I can't find my head lamp..... Better haul some water, Glad we have a wood stove, Let's dine by candle light Or get a pizza and see a movie."

On the eighth day without power, my true love said to me, "How do we do all these dishes? I stoked the fire last time, You need a shower, I can't find my headlamp....., Better haul some water, Glad we have a wood stove,

On the ninth day without power, my true love said to me, "Your turn to fill the wood box, How do we do all these dishes? I stoked the fire last time, You need a shower, I can't find my headlamp.....

On the tenth day without power my true love said to me, "Something

somewhere smells bad, Your turn to fill the wood box, How do we do these dishes? I stoked the fire last time

On the eleventh day without power, my true love said to me, "WHAT! ANOTHER blizzard? Something somewhere smells bad, Your turn to fill the wood box, How do we do these dishes?

On the twelfth day without power, my true love said to me, "What another blizzard? WHAT! ANOTHER blizzard?! Something somewhere smells bad, Your turn to fill the wood box, How do we do all these dishes? I stoked the fire last time, You need a shower, I can't find my headlamp..... Better haul some water, Glad we have a wood stove, Let's dine by candle light, Or get a pizza and see a movie "

This piece was performed at the Christmas Contra Dance in Nelson by Lisa Sieverts and Max Nuppenmaker.