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By Ruby Faye Ross

In the beginning they came with their horses and wagons,
 With their plows and their tools and their strength,
 The men with their hope for a new land to conquer—
 The women with dreams to fulfill.
 Oh, it was a brave and wonderful time,
 The men breaking the sod with their plows—
 Looking forward to crops and herds on the prairie
 And visions of towns here and there.
 And the women— what did they dream of
 As they brought what they could to the land?
 Did they see new homes with wide verandas
 And tall trees shading the lawn?
 Did they see rosy-cheeked children running and playing—
 Sons growing straight and tall,
 Lovely daughters, graceful and gentle—
 What plans did they have for them all?
 Oh the men did their work and they did it well,
 And the women did well in their way;
 They created homes where the children grew;
 They did their share of the labor;
 And the land was fair and the future grew
 Into what is now Oklahoma.
 They came with their plows and their Bibles, too.
 They came with their strength and their faith.
 Through the grace of the Lord and the strength of their hands,
 They created all this— their own Great Promised Land. *

(Based on JOSHUA 1: 1-2)

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