## Shivaree, The Snake

On the way to work one morning Down the path along side the lake A tender hearted woman Found a poor half-frozen snake

His pretty colored skin Had been all frosted with the dew "Poor thing" she cried, "I'll take you in Aand I'll take care of you."

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She wrapped him up all cozy In a comforter of silk And laid him by the fireside With some honey and some milk

She hurried home from work that night And as soon as she arrived She found that pretty snake she'd taken in had been revived.

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She clutched him to her bosom "You're so beautiful" she cried "But if I hadn't brought you in by now you might have died."

Well she stroked his pretty skin again And kissed him really tight, Instead of saying thanks, the snake gave her a vicious bite.

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"I saved you!" cried the woman "And you've bitten me but why?" "You know your bite is poisonous And now I'm gonna die."

"Ha shut up, silly woman." Said that reptile with a grin. "You knew darn well I was a snake before you took me in."

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