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The Prairie Home Companion is a radio program that has been playing live for many, many years in the US. You can hear it on the radio station NPR (Non-Profit Radio) station throughout the USA and the world.

Here are the lyrics of the song the host opens the show with. Please listen to the words and fill in the missing words in the blanks below.

PART 1: SONG

Oh hear that ol' _____ from down the avenue.

I smell the pine _____. I look around for _____.

Oh my sweet, sweet someone comin' through that _____.

It's a _____ and the band's playin'.

Honey, could we ask for _____?

PART 2: SONG

I came to Minnesota to have a look at _____,

which we don't have much of back in _____.

Oh the dazzlin' white and sky of dazzlin' _____.

And then of course I come indoors

and spend a couple _____ with you.

PART 3: Questions

Directions:

As the host introduces the show to the radio listeners, we find out some information about where the show is being performed and a little bit about the performers of the evening. Please answer the following questions:

- 1) What is the name of the theater and street where the Prairie Home Companion is performing?
- 2) What city in Minnesota is this theater?
- 3) There are four musicians that the host introduces. What instrument does each of the musicians play (1 each – 4 in total)
- 4) What's the name of the sound effects man?
- 5) What's the name of the show's sponsor and its website address?
- 6) What's the name of the host of the show?
- 7) What sound effect does our host want to try to use during the night's program?
- 8) There are 3 standard skits that the originator of the program, Garrison, performs in. The host mentions the names of 2 characters he plays and the name of one skit. What are these 2 character names and skit?

PART 4: The snowmobile trip

1. The host, Sara, admits to not knowing much about Minnesota. What are the three things she learned from her homeschooling days that she includes in the snowmobile trip skit?
2. Who does she go on a snowmobile trip with?
3. When they finally reach their destination, what does Tom do and why? What does Tom catch?
4. How does Tom ask Sara to help him? What happens when Sara goes back to the snowmobile?
5. What animals scare the moose away and where do they come from? After the moose is scared away, what happens to Tom?
6. Why can't Sara just leave on the snowmobile? How is she rescued?