**“Answer at Once” by Anne O’Brien**

There’s wood dead and down

Just layin’ on the ground

Never asked for nothing before

But two loads of dry chestnut

Would help so very much

And save my feet five miles to town

**Answer at once, Answer at once**

Concerning old Hoake’s place

Cattle’re coming any day

It’s your all’s place to fix the fence now

And so to save you all the trouble

You’d take to hire someone

I will mend it if you pay

**Answer at once, Answer at once**

**Don’t tell me where to go**

**That I’ll be better off below**

**With a bathtub, where it’s flat**

**I don’t see no sense in that**

I have received your letter

I’m moving somewhere better

But may I please remove my three

Hen houses eight by ten

And one old hog pen

They will be much use to me

**Answer at once, Answer at once**

**Water comes up from the deep**

**Here in my uncrowded peace**

**Nuts and berries by my door**

**I don’t need nothing more**

You can’t get up here with a truck

And the lumber is all rough

In my house here on High Top Mountain

Would you be kind enough

Not get the CCC boys burn it up

I hope you’d rather give it to me

**Answer at once, Answer at once**

**To you I may be some lost sheep**

**But here there’s everything I need**

**Let me stay here on my farm**

**With my cattle sheep and hog**

**Answer at once, Answer at once, Answer at once**