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Version 2

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"We're going to the hill where the grass is long and green,

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In the distance they could see a field that was full of lush, sweet, scrummy grass, but alas there was only one way to get to it – across a rickety bridge over a stream. Under the bridge, there lived a terrifically terrifying, terrible troll called Trevor – he was always hungry too, and there was nothing he liked better than to eat a nice juicy Billy Goat!

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