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*By* INA SIZER CASSIDY

Sandia,  
the sacred Oku  
of the Red man,  
rears her rugged head  
above the undulating plain;  
a sapphire  
set cabazon,  
in a crown of russet gold.

## Sangre de Cristo

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The storms had paused,  
wind, sleet, snow;  
weeks of gloom—  
roads blocked—  
men and women lost in shifting drifts,  
children and innocents  
suffering cold and hunger—  
Death.

Then the Keepers of the South  
cleared the sky as evening came,  
and the setting sun beyond Oku  
in a late farewell  
spread the Virgin's robe of rose  
over Baldy's ermine covered head,  
and the evil days were spent.

Night crept down in peace and splendor.