In the wintertime, Dale and his family always take a trip to the same place. They go to a big resort in the middle of the state of Wisconsin. At this resort there are all sorts of things to do. The family can go ice-skating. They can go sledding. They can make snowmen. They can take sleigh rides. They can stay inside and play games. They can even swim at an indoor pool.

The thing that Dale likes most, though, is taking sleigh rides. He and his family get all bundled up under blankets as eight big horses pull an old
red sleigh for miles and miles. Families get two choices on that sleigh ride. Families can either request that a sleigh ride go around the lake or that the sleigh take the forest trail. Dale likes the forest way better. It is so thick with fir trees that he can’t see the sky. It’s like there is a ceiling in that forest.

The sleigh driver yanks the reins and all his horses turn back for the resort. After his sleigh is back in its barn, that sleigh driver lets Dale pet all eight horses.

“How much do the horses weigh?” asks Dale.

“Each horse weighs nearly one thousand pounds,” the driver tells Dale. “But this brown horse is much bigger. Its weight is close to eighteen hundred pounds!”

That’s a lot! With all eight horses, that’s around eighty-eight hundred pounds!

Dale got to feed the horses hay. That big brown horse seemed particularly glad to receive hay from Dale. That horse said, “Neigh!”

Dale and his family can’t wait for these winter trips each year!