Primary Source: Excerpt from a Letter by Edward Winslow, 1621

Edward Winslow wrote these few lines in a letter to a friend in 1621. This letter was printed in a book, Mourt’s Relation, in 1622. Winslow was at the harvest celebration and is the only person we know who wrote about what happened. This letter can be pretty hard to read. Sometimes the letter “s” looks like an “f.” Also, people back then did not spell words as we do today!

A Relation or Journall of the Beginning and proceedings of the English Plantation settled at Plimoth [Mourt’s Relation] London: John Bellamie, 1622

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