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Make a phonemic (broad) transcription of the fable story of The North Wind and the Sun:

1. One day, the North Wind and the Sun were having an argument.
2. "You can't be half as strong as I am" the Wind was saying.
3. "Oh yes I am," rejoined the other.
4. Just then a traveller appeared.
5. "What a fine cloak!" exclaimed the Wind.
6. "Yes, it is nice, isn't it?" added his friend. "Is it warm?"
7. "Oh! Luxuriously so! And ... er... it could solve your dispute -
8. if you'll grant me that pleasure."
9. "What did you say?" they chorused.
10. "I suggest, gentlemen, that this very garment
11. can provide the decision you require."
12. "What d'you mean?" snapped the Wind.
13. "My idea is," continued the stranger calmly,
14. "that, whichever of you can make me take it off soonest,
15. he'll be recognised as the stronger."
16. "All right." answered the Wind, "Shall I try first or will you?"
17. "You start", replied his companion.
18. Then the Wind blew absolutely furiously
19. but the wayfarer only wrapped his mantle tighter around him.
20. At last he simply had to give up the struggle.
21. Then old Sol shone out really powerfully.
22. Immediately the poor fellow was forced to take the thing off.
23. "There!" he sighed. "That settles the matter."
24. "Well! I suppose I'd better be getting along. Goodbye, then!"



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ðə 'nɔθ 'wɪnd | ən ðə ,sʌn

1. 'wʌn ,deɪ, | ðə 'nɔθ 'wɪnd | ən ðə ,sʌn | wə 'hævɪŋ ən ,ɑdʒəmənt.
2. ` , ju | kʌnt bi `hʌf əz strɒŋ əz `aɪ ,æm | ðə wɪnd wəz ,seɪɪŋ.
3. `əʊ jes aɪ ,æm, rɪdʒɪnd ði lðə.
4. 'dʒʌst ,ðen | ə `trævlər əpɪəd.
5. 'wɒt ə 'faɪn ,kləʊk, ɪkskleɪmɪd ðə wɪnd.
6. `jes. ɪ `t ɪz ,naɪs, `ɪzn ɪt? ædɪd ɪz frend. ɪz ɪt 'wɒm.
7. `əʊ! lɒg `zʊərjəsli səʊ! ænd .. ɜ .. ɪt kəd 'sɒlv ʒɔ di `spjʊt
8. ɪf ju l grʌnt mi ðæt ,plezə.
9. 'wɒt dɪd ju seɪ | ðeɪ ,kɔrəst.
10. aɪ sə `dʒest, ,dʒentlmən, | ðæt ðɪs `veri ` ,gəmənt |
11. kən prə ` ,vaɪd | ðə də'sɪzn ju rɪ ,kwɑɪə.
12. 'wɒt dʒu `mɪn? snæpt ðə wɪnd.
13. maɪ aɪ `dɪər ` ,ɪz | kntɪnjuð ðə streɪndʒə ,kəmli, |
14. ðæt wɪ `tfevər əv ju kn meɪk mi teɪk ɪt ɒf ` ,sʊnəst |
15. 'hɪl bi 'rekəɡnaɪzɪd əz ðə ,strɒŋgə.
16. 'ɔl ,raɪt, sed ðə wɪnd | ʃəl 'aɪ traɪ fɜst | ɔ wɪl ,ju?
17. `ju stʌt, rəplɑɪd ɪz km ,pænʒən.
18. ðen ðə 'wɪnd 'blu | 'æbsələtli ` ,fjuərjəsli |
19. bət ðə ` ,weɪfeərə | 'əʊnli 'ræpt ɪz 'mæntl | 'taɪtər ə ,raʊnd ɪm.
20. 'æt 'lʌst | hi 'sɪmplɪ 'hæd tə | 'ɡɪv 'lʌp | ðə ,strʌŋɡl.
21. ,ðen | 'əʊld 'sɒl | 'ʃɒn 'aʊt | 'rɪəli ,paʊəfli.
22. ɪ ` ,mɪdʒətli | ðə 'pɔ 'feləʊ | wəz 'fɔst tə 'teɪk ðə θɪŋ ,ɒf.
23. `ðeər ɪ saɪd. 'ðæt ,setlz ðə mætə.
24. `wel. aɪ sə'pəʊz aɪd 'betə bi 'ɡetɪŋ ə ,lɒŋ. 'ɡʊd ,baɪ, ðen.

