

Elijah being taken up to heaven. A painted ceiling by Winter Carl Hansson, 1777–1805, in an old farmhouse near Rättvik.

Among the strangest blossoms of Swedish popular art are the paintings made a hundred years ago by peasant painters in the province of Darlecarlia, in the heart of Sweden. Their motifs were most often taken from the Old Testament, whose dramatic tales they pictured as happening in their own everyday surroundings. The naive art of the Dalecarlian painters flourished in a geographical isolation which has long been broken down. Yet in the midst of the busy present the past lives on in Sweden — the country which sends you this greeting from Scandinavia through **RADIO SWEDEN**. We thank you for your reception report. It has been checked and found to be correct. Date of reception 2503 requency 1178

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