



THE NORWEGIAN STAVKIRKE

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“In the afternoon the weather changed, and suddenly an entire storm raged outside. It creaked in the old church walls, as if they were going to fall apart, it was as if each and every plank in the stave construction would slide out of its placement, break its very framework of masts and sills and bury everything beneath the vacillating columns...But little by little the raging wind blew more fitfully, became constant... Although the storm increased rather than declined, soon no sound was to be heard in the church walls, wherein the entire structure had settled and was now steeled and strengthened in the midst of the storm.”

- Lorentz Dietrichson

