

Great Lakes Song
Pat Dailey

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The Great Lakes Song - Performed by Pat Dailey
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G **Em**
The Great Lakes are a diamond on the hand of North America
C **D**
Brightly shining jewel on the friendship bordering
G **Em**
Freshwater highway coming down from Canada
C **D** **G**
All along the shoreline, you can hear them sing

chorus:

G **Em**
Sweet mother Michigan, father Superior
C **D**
Coming down from Mackinac and Sault St. Marie
G **Em**
Blue water Huron, Flow down to Lake Erie-O
C **D** **G**
Fall to Ontario and run on out to sea

G **Em**
Hearty are the seamen on the ships that load the iron ore
C **D**
Sailing out of Thunder Bay and bound for Buffalo
G **Em**
Hearty are the fishermen just like their fathers were before
C **D** **G**
Say they ll bury me at sea come my time to go

(chorus)

G **Em**
Oh the tales the sailors spin of mermaids singing in the wind
C **D**
the sinking of the Bessemer, the drowning of the crew
G **Em**
Memories of waters crossed of women won and fortunes lost
C **D** **G**
Are etched upon their faces and their faded old tatoos

Em **C**
Down below the quarter decks the old men mend the fishing nets
G **D**
Up above the windy bridge the young men curse into the wind
Em **C**
All along the winds of straits(?) the wives and mothers lie awake
G **D**
Pray on lady of the lake to send them home again

(chorus)

(chorus)