

Great Lakes Song
Pat Dailey

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

chorus:

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

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

(chorus)

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

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

(chorus)

(chorus)