

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

chorus:

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

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

(chorus)

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

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

(chorus)

(chorus)