

Great Lakes Song  
Pat Dailey

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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)