

Onward Canoe

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Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we take to the river, paddles that flash in the sun.
Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we shoot the wild rabbits, taking our joy in the run.
Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we camp on an island, under the blanket of stars.
Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we rise with the daybreak, knowing that weâ€™ll travel far.

Singing onward canoe youâ€™re the voyagerâ€™s daughter,
Setting our spirits free.
Onward canoe weâ€™re alive like the water,
Flowing on down to the sea, flowing on down to the sea.

Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we cross the wide lake, heading for some distant shore.
Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we leave our safe harbor, wondering what lies in store.
Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we scan the horizons, looking for headlands and bays.
Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we battle the whitecaps, riding the crest of our days.

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Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we hike a long portage, carrying pack and canoe.
Thereâ€™s a song that we sing when we shoulder our burdens, as travelers know they must do.
Thereâ€™s a dream that we dream of a beautiful journey, adventure to find on our way.
Thereâ€™s a dream that we dream of the journey inside us, rapids we run every day.

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