

LAND OF THE SILVER BIRCH

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Canadian Folk Song

This is the original folk melody. There is a later arrangement of this tune by John Cozens which is copyrighted.



Land of the sil - ver birch, home of the bea - ver, Where still the might-y moose



wan-ders at will. Blue lake and rock-y shore, I will re - turn once more.



Boom di - di eye di, boom di - di eye di, boom di - di eye di, boom.

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Sometimes girls ornament the end by singing quarter notes: D down to C back to D and holding that last D as a half note.

Note from Marin Sings: The refrain may be sung separately as a canon. Succeeding voices enter after *Blue lake and rocky shore* and hold the final note until all are finished.

You may also sing this song in two parts. One group sings the verse while the other sings the last line in the background repeatedly. All sing the last line of the refrain, then switch at the next verse.

Key of Dm

Dm **Am** **Bb** **F**
Land of the silver birch, home of the beaver,
Bb **C** **Dm** **Eb** **Am**
Where still the mighty moose wanders at will

Refrain **Bb** **F** **Cm** **Am** **Bb**
Blue lake and rocky shore, I will return once more,
Dm
Boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di boom.

Dm Am Bb F
My heart is sick for you here in the lowlands.
Bb C Dm Eb Am
I will return to you hills of the north.
Bb F Cm Am Bb
Blue lake and rocky shore, I will return once more,
Dm
Boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di boom.

Dm Am Bb F
Swift as a silver fish, canoe of birch bark,
Bb C Dm Eb Am
Thy mighty waterways carry me forth.
Bb F Cm Am Bb
Blue lake and rocky shore, I will return once more,
Dm
Boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di boom.

Dm Am Bb F
High on a rocky ledge, I'll build my wigwam,
Bb C Dm Eb Am
Close by the water's edge, silent and still.
Bb F Cm Am Bb
Blue lake and rocky shore, I will return once more,
Dm
Boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di boom.

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Key of Em

Em Bm C G
Land of the silver birch, home of the beaver,
C D Em F Bm
Where still the mighty moose wanders at will

Refrain C G Dm Bm C
Blue lake and rocky shore, I will return once more,
Em
Boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di boom.

Em Bm C G
My heart is sick for you here in the lowlands.
C D Em F Bm
I will return to you hills of the north.
C G Dm Bm C
Blue lake and rocky shore, I will return once more,
Em
Boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di boom.

Em Bm C G
Swift as a silver fish, canoe of birch bark,
C D Em F Bm
Thy mighty waterways carry me forth.
C G Dm Bm C
Blue lake and rocky shore, I will return once more,
Em
Boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di boom.

Em Bm C G
High on a rocky ledge, I'll build my wigwam,
C D Em F Bm
Close by the water's edge, silent and still.
C G Dm Bm C
Blue lake and rocky shore, I will return once more,
Em
Boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di, boom di-di eye di boom.