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Key: B

Genre: General

Harp Type: Diatonic

Skill: Beginner

The Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald

Verse 1: 6 7 7 7 7 The le-gend lives on

-8 7 -6 6 6 6 6 From the Chip-pe-wa on down

6 -6 -6 -6 -6 -6 Of the big lake they call

6 -5 6 4 Git-che Gu-mee.

The lake, it is said ne-ver gives up her dead When the skies of No-vem-ber turn gloo-my. v

Verse 2:



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With a load of iron ore - 26,000 tons more Than the Edmund Fitzgerald weighed empty. v That good ship and true was a bone to be chewed When the gales of November came early. ^

Verse 3: The ship was the pride of the American side Coming back from some mill in Wisconson. v As the big freighters go it was bigger than most With a crew and the Captain well seasoned. ^

Verse 4: Concluding some terms with a couple of steel firms When they left fully loaded for Cleveland. v And later that night when the ships bell rang Could it be the North Wind they'd been feeling. ^

Verse 5: The wind in the wires made a tattletale sound And a wave broke over the railing. v And every man knew, as the Captain did, too, T'was the witch of November come stealing. ^

Verse 6: The dawn came late and the breakfast had to wait When the gales of November came slashing. ^ When afternoon came it was freezing rain In the face of a hurricane West Wind. ^



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Verse 7: When supper time came the old cook came on deck Saying fellows it's too rough to feed ya. v At 7PM a main hatchway caved in He said fellas it's been good to know ya. ^ Verse 8: The Captain wired in he had water coming in And the good ship and crew was in peril. v And later that night when his lights went out of sight Came the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. ^ Verse 9: Does anyone know where the love of God goes When the words turn the minutes to hours? v The searchers all say they'd have made Whitefish Bay If they'd fifteen more miles behind her. ^ Verse 10: They might have split up or they might have capsized They may have broke deep and took water. v And all that remains is the faces and the names Of the wives and the sons and the daughters. ^ Verse 11: Lake Huron rolls, Superior sings In the ruins of her ice water mansion. v Old Michigan steams like a young man's dreams,



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The islands and bays are for sportsmen. ^

Verse 12: And farther below Lake Ontario Takes in what Lake Erie can send her. v And the iron boats go as the mariners all know With the gales of November remembered. ^ Verse 13: In a musty old hall in Detroit they prayed In the Maritime Sailors' Cathedral. v The church bell chimed, 'til it rang 29 times For each man on the Edmund Fitzgerald. ^

Verse 14: The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down Of the big lake they call Gitche Gumee. v Superior, they say, never gives up her dead When the gales of November come early. ^

Lyrics