

The Grand Rapids of the Maumee

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- 1) Before the canal, boats loaded with cargo
At the rapids' foot would unload.
On the shallow Grand Rapids the boats could not float,
They put cargo on wagons to Providence, then to Fort Wayne on boats.

chorus: It's 20 miles of natural beauty so fair With fishes and birds in the water and air,
It's a place of wonder, part of our history, It's the Grand Rapids of the Maumee.

- 2) Villages like Miltonville and Otsego are gone
And villages the Odawa once called home.
They're part of our past that we no more can see
On the Grand Rapids of the Maumee.
 Past Missionary Island where Pontiac once lived,
 And Sacred Roche de Bout and the Interurban Bridge,
 They live on in signs and in history told
 And canoes that glide down as they did long ago.

- 3) Eagles and Egrets and Herons standing tall
And Canada Geese, til they leave in the fall,
Water means life as it runs clean and free
On the Grand Rapids of the Maumee.
 From when the Sun winks Good Morning and tucks the Moon in to sleep
 You hear the rush of the rapids as they roll to the sea,
 The beauty of nature all around us you see
 On the Grand Rapids of the Maumee.