

The Canadian Great Lakes Wonder

I.

A ship caught in a storm,
men scrambling about to keep
her afloat.

Only for the Lake to refuse their call
for safe passage.

Tossed around like a toy,
a horrific game they play.

With lives staring at those
dark blacken skies, thick bullet rain,
as they will never feel the sun
upon their face again.

6,000 wrecks those

Great Lakes have claimed,

La Salle's Griffin is the first European
ship taken.

Many more will never be found

but peeks of them will be found.

Beam of a ship, well preserved,

coming ashore.

Able by little plant and animal life

in the cold frigid water.

For the years pass by,

humans evolve, though

doesn't change the harsh winds

of the

Great Lakes.

II.

An enraged summer storm sends

slipping beneath the waves

George A. Marsh goes sailing

down below the waters of

Lake Ontario.

Of a Captain who survived the

doomed ship, never to tell,

only to give inheritance

decades later when death

finally caught him.

Reported 12 out of 14 drowned,

the hidden Captain made it 11.

This ship finally found itself in

50 years, completely intact

in the waves below.

Wheel up straight and bowsprit

still pointing to go.

Looks almost unharmed by time

and tragedy.

III.

Mary Jane in 1881 on

mysterious

Lake of Erie,

those cold winds and weather
making it more ferocious for
the ship in its path.

A morning rain to transform
to snow squalls came
from deadly southwest
gales.

Some say from a ghost black dog
bringing bad luck rushing
across her docks.

A ghost which rumored
crushed in the gates of
Welland Canal, helping
its sailors.

Another ill fate is
beginning on a Friday.

Sailors know this unlucky day.

But with those changing winds

who knows with the
temper of these
Lakes.

IV.

Winter storms with
blowing winds and
blinding snow helps
turn the eye of
Lake Huron to
Wexford and a great
number of ships.

Great Storm of 1913
it's called.

The cold winter air of
November 9th through
the air they'd hear her
whistles frantically

blowing on the shores

of Goderich.

Strong winds and huge waves

with the deadly blinding

snowstorm brought the

ship down under the

frozen waves.

She is found below in the waters

still standing upright,

75 feet below.

V.

1966 with winds so cold

it feels the skin

was peeling off. A

sole survivor tells of

Lake Huron wrath

which is bad as

Lake Superior.

Eight minutes only

the time for

shrilling warning alarms

to scream through her

halls.

With three men in a life raft

watching it split in

half.

But death does not grab

Dennis Hale who lives

to tell the warnings to

people and sailors

of this raging

Lake.

VI.

Freezing waters of

Lake Superior,

she's the worst of

them all.

Slithering under waves

to lie on its starboard

side the sky said

goodbye to the

SS Kamloops in 1927.

Everything perfect,

everything the same

food, clothing, leather,

a sailor who stays

the same.

They call him Grandpa,

others old Whitey, he greets

the drivers following

them around.

They shake his hand

and see that he has

a wedding band.

Completely white

like the man who

floats around the

engine room lonely

for visitors.

VII.

A song Canadians sing of a ship

not long lost,

Edmund Fitzgerald with

all of its sailors went down.

Lake Superior with

its disastrous storms

made the Captain assure they are

“holding our own.”

Only 17 miles from the safe

calm waters of

Whitefish Bay

they went down

but not forgotten by

family, friends, and all of

Canada.

With their deaths the

ship we shouldn't see,

as it's the grave of these men

now frozen in time.

A companion to the forever

growing souls of the people

lost in these

Great Lakes.