

Hiawatha's Vision

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On the shores of gitchgoomy by the shining big sea water
Hiawatha old and grayin' listened to the older prophet listened
to Lagu

And the young men and the women from the land of Ojibways
From the land of the Dakotas from the woodlands and the prairie
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Stood and listened to the prophet heard lagu tell Hiawatha
"I have seen" he said, "A water bigger than the big sea water
Broader than the gitchgoomy bitter so that none cold drink it
Salty so that none would use it"

Hiawatha then spoke to them stopped all their jeering and their
jesting

And he spoke to all the people
It's true what Lagu tells you for I have seen it in a vision
I have also seen the water to the east to the land of morning

And upon this great water came a strange canoe with pinions
Bigger than a grove of pine trees, taller than the tallest tree
tops

And upon this great canoe were sails to carry it swiftly
And it carried many people, strange and foreign were these peop
le

And white were all their faces and with hair their chins were c
overed

Then said Hiawatha, "I beheld a darker vision"
Many hundreds came behind them pushed their way across our prai
ries

In our woodlands rang their axes, in our valleys smoked their c
ities

Our people were all scattered all forgetful of our councils
Left their homelands going westward wild and woeful

And the man with bearded faces, the men with skin so fair
With their barking sticks of thunder drove the remnants of our
people

Farther westward, westward, westward then wild wild and wilder
Grew the west that once was ours