

John Denver **"American Child"**

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Going up to Alaska
Up to the land of the midnight sun
Where the whale and polar bear run
Over the icy blue sea

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Up to the north and the pioneer life
Where courage and strength still survive
And a man can be free

American child, does the call of the wild
Ever sing through the mist of your dreams?
Does it fly with the wind when you waken again
When it's gone do you know what it means

Can you picture the time when a man had to find
His own way through an unbroken land?
Before the machine changed the blue and the green
To something you can't understand?

American child there's a burning inside
You that calls you away through the cold
To come back again to all that you've been
Can't you see that it's time to come home?

To the valleys and the seas and the rivers and the trees
And the earth who's the mother of all?
A promise once made will it shine, will it fade
Will we rise with the vision or fall?

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