

## Johnny Cash "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 prairies

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 people

And white were all their faces and with hair their chins  
were covered  
Then said Hiawatha, "I beheld a darker vision"  
Many hundreds came behind them pushed their way  
across our prairies  
In our woodlands rang their axes, in our valleys  
smoked their cities

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

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