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Northwest Passage

(Stan Rogers)

Cho: Ah, for just one time I would take the Northwest

To find the hand of Franklin reaching for the Beaufort

Sea:

Tracing one warm line through a land so wild and savage

And make a Northwest Passage to the sea.

Westward from the Davis Strait 'tis there 'twas said to

The sea route to the Orient for which so many died;

Seeking gold and glory, leaving weathered, broken

And a long-forgotten lonely cairn of stones.

Three centuries thereafter, I take passage overland In the footsteps of brave Kelso, where his "sea of flowers" began

Watching cities rise before me, then behind me sink

This tardiest explorer, driving hard across the plain.

And through the night, behind the wheel, the mileage clicking west

I think upon Mackenzie, David Thompson and the rest Who cracked the mountain ramparts and did show a path for me

To race the roaring Fraser to the sea.

How then am I so different from the first men through this way?

Like them, I left a settled life, I threw it all away.

To seek a Northwest Passage at the call of many men

To find there but the road back home again.

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