

21st Century Great Lake Navigators

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How do they get ships from the lake to the ocean
A trick with mirrors? A magic potion?
Can't climb the rapids or the waterfalls
Some a'those ships are the size of shopping malls
You need a system to lift 'em to the next water level
And to do all that they had to pay the devil
360 million tons of rocks for the channels and when they were done
They built the locks and the gates and the valves and the dams
The top engineers, the best diagrams
8 locks to get to lake Ontario
Another 9 to get around Niagara's flow
Just another little lift at Sault St. Marie
Then to the Lakehead they are sailin' free
IT'S A SEAWAY – IT'S A FREEWAY
MOVIN' THE GOODS LIKE A MEGA-MEGA E-BAY
THE BIG FREIGHTERS – LAKE TRADERS
LIFTED BY GIGANTIC WATER ELEVATORS
LET'S GIVE IT UP FOR THE WORKERS AND SAILORS
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY GREAT LAKE
NAVIGATORS