

A Trail Song uses a well known song or tune but replaces the lyrics with words of its own. These words reference objects, people and places experienced on the journey.

Trail Songs Magazine (1954)  
The Whyte Museum Archive, Banff, CAN

From San Francisco, US to Banff, Canada  
March 26th - April 8th 2009 - 1,345 miles by car, coach and ferry

### Trail Song - Julie Myers

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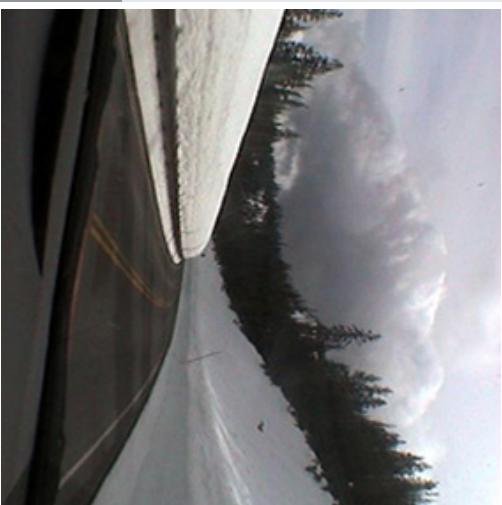
**Vancouver Island** - Named The Island of Quadra and Vancouver after the Spanish and British sea captains who oversaw the fur trade in that area.

**Victoria** - Potlatch was practiced by the indigenous people of this region. The status of a family measured by the amount they gave away not the amount they had.

*Every morning she looks for whales on the horizon.*

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In the tradition of the Trail Songs from North America, we invent lyrics as we travel from place to place. Like modern day Songlines these songs tell about the geography and the people of the landscape, so why not match up the video footage we shoot en route, or path taken and is something we might overhear on a street corner, in a cafe or on the car radio.

With rabbit foot as guide were almost done - yee Ha  
To bear run and to Wolf Street where the switchback turn upon us

On chain and whalers never carry on - yee Ha  
To Salmon Arms and Super 8 past frozen lakes and falls

Raising glasses high we shout - yee Ha

At salmon see threaded eye and horseback reservation  
Sailay Park it's sky high buildings, sea planes in the harbour

To Blackfoot and to potatch cry - yee Ha

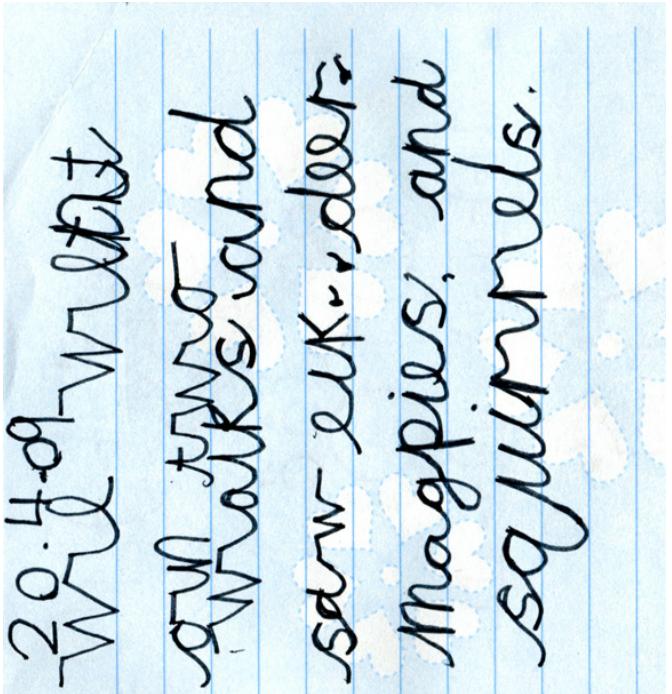
While watching round the islands, floating on the ocean  
Pacific coast to ferry boat - yee Ha

Riding on a monorail, Space Needle and Best Western

We whisper to ourselves in shame - yee Ha

Logging mills, fallen trees and auto papermakers  
Motor 6 and extra pie - yee Ha

In the morning past the sand dunes to the hash brown over-easy

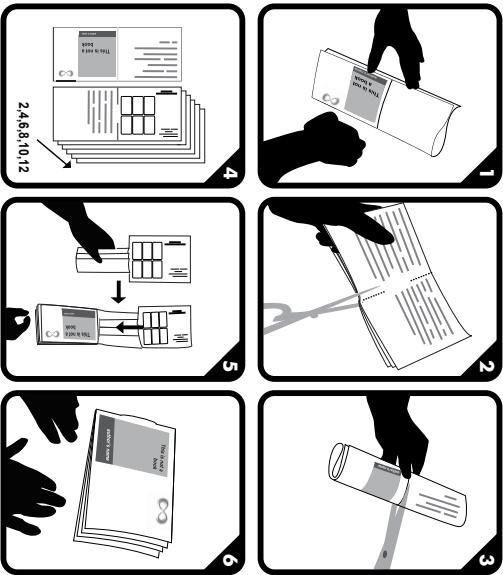


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From Golden Gate on rental date to Highway 1 and Stinson

Half and half or 2 percent - Yee Ha

Bodega Bay with Oyster shuck, rest room in the rear

From RV park to main street shout - Yee Ha

Drive thru trees, drive thru coffee, cream cheese on a bagel

Woodpecker on the Redwood tops - Yee Ha

At Big Lagoon past Crescent City tree trunks lie like bones

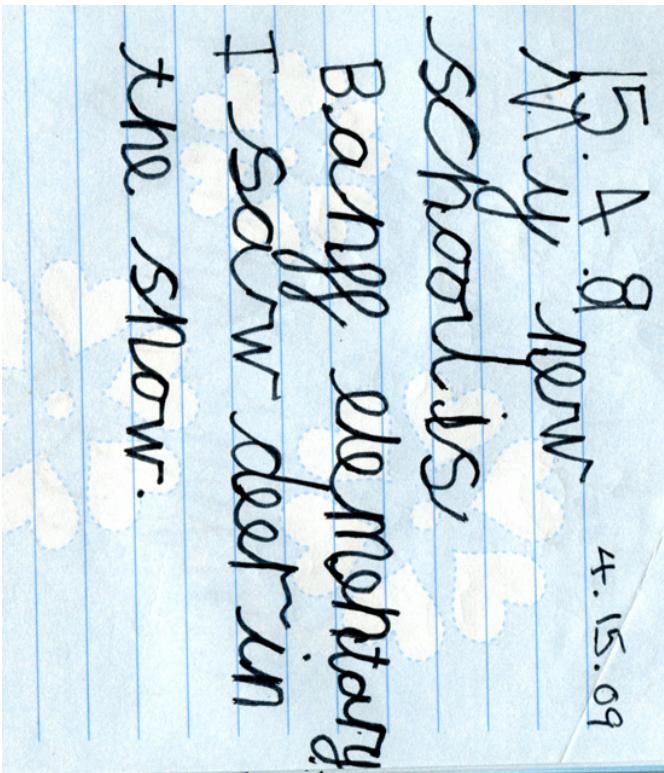
Night walks round the camp fire sing - Yee Ha

Welcome to the Valley Road, Cave junction, Crater Lake,

Snow banks higher than the car - Yee Ha

Past Shady Cove to Deep Creek shack along the winding road

We all sing ten green bottles in a row - Yee Ha



### Journey Notes

**Golden Gate Bridge** - The most popular place to commit suicide in the US. Jumpers hit the water at 86 miles per hour. Since its completion in May 1937 only 27 people have been known to have survived the fall.

**Tomas Bay** - 12 fresh oysters for \$10, hire of oyster knife and gloves \$5.00, hot sauce \$1.50.

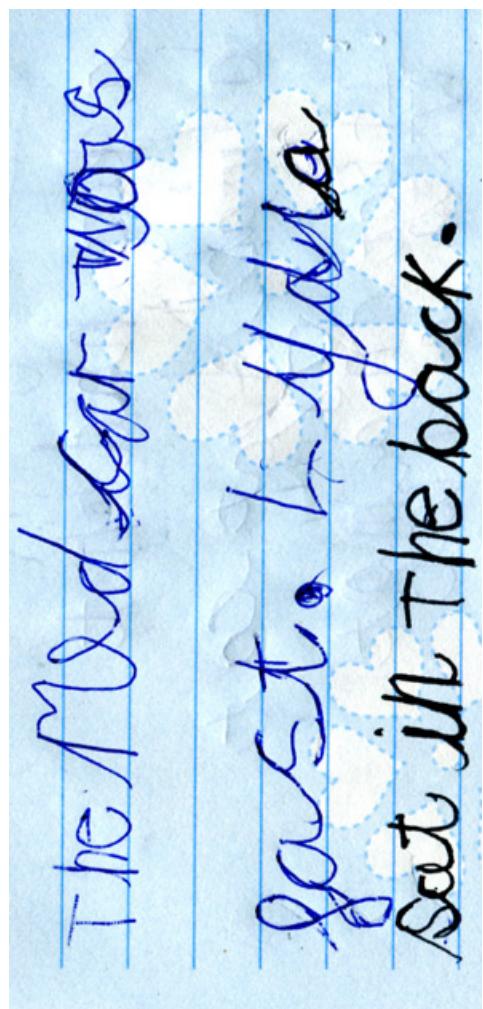
**Bodega Bay** - Location for the film **The Birds** by Hitchcock.

**Glass Beach** - Years of pounding waves have deposited tons of polished glass onto the beach.  
*She thinks she might like to be a princess or a mermaid when she grows up.*

**Mount Revelstoke National Park, Glacier National Park, Yoho National Park**  
The Canadian Pacific Railway tunnels through the mountain. The track is monitored by the most advanced avalanche system in the world. They watch the ice melt, catch snowflakes in their mouths and draw fake paw marks in the snow. He runs after them pretending to be Big Foot, they scream and run away laughing.

**Banff** - Canadian Pacific Railway is the leading human-related cause of grizzly bear mortality. The bears are hit as they feed on grain spilled from the trains.

Lydia Rose (age 5)



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# Wild Sawtooths

**Redwoods** - Can live to be 2,200 years old but have an average age of 650. The tallest trees can be 379 ft high, making giant fairy rings of trees growing up from the same root or stump.

**Fortuna** - Beware of "sneak waves" the man says. Don't turn your back on the water. Driftwood piled high on the beach. Washed clean and silent like dinosaur bones she says.

Hi! We're from British Columbia.  
We're here to go to the coast  
met a girl  
in the sun.

**Vancouver** - High-rise development in preparation for the 2010 Winter Olympics.  
*With a trail-a-bike attached they ride the seawall of Stanley Park.*

**Squamish** - Seaichem Indian Reserve, 16 province of British Columbia. At the ancient meeting of rivers, they have built Lake City casino.

**Salmon Arms**, Super 8, Hwy 1, \$75 family room.

*She asks them how the crow flies?*

**Crater Lake** - The seventh deepest lake in the world and the deepest lake in the US. A volcanic basin formed 7,700 years ago when Mount Mazama erupted. 355 inches of snow falls here annually.

*She asks if the sky is all around them all the time?*

*They explain about the air and the earth's atmosphere.*

*Does that mean when it's dark outside we are in space she asks?*  
*They look out of the car window into the night and say nothing.*

**Roseburg** - Motel 6, Pacific Hwy, family room \$65.  
*Double crust American apple pie with whipped cream.*

Mummy and dad  
sat  
in the front.  
It was hot.

We went on  
the ferry.  
I ate nachos  
the beans  
and beans  
it is  
sunny

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**Oregon Dunes** - 40 miles of sand dunes with winds of 100 mph in winter.

**Astoria** - The Columbia River joins the Pacific Ocean. 1,243 miles long it was once a busy route for the fur trade, now one of the most contaminated nuclear sites in the U.S.

**washington State** - 920 registered logging companies.

**Seattle - Space Needle** was built in 1962 for the World's Fair. It is 605 ft high, has 25 lightning rods and elevators that travel at 10 mph.

*She says she believes in Jesus but not in God.*