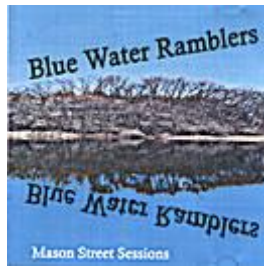


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The folk song of Michigan, America and YOUR life. 15 MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk, FOLK: Modern Folk Details: Blue Water Ramblers (BlueWaterRamblers.com) The folk song of Michigan, America and YOUR life! The members of the Blue Water Ramblers have been delighting audiences throughout Michigan and the Midwest for over 30 years. Banjo-Jim Foerch picked up his first banjo in 1965 and hasn't put it down since. He says singing the songs of Michigan, America and our lives to all the people they meet on tour is the best thing he's ever done. "Everyone I ever met here in Michigan or around the Midwest is proud of our home state and our country. Our songs express that pride the best way we know how- by getting us all singing together!" Bear Berends holds down the rhythm with his big, black six and twelve string guitars. "I wanted to sing with Banjo-Jim, so I learned all his songs and taught him mine and here we are," he explains. Whether delivering the lead line or harmonizing with his solid baritone, Bear sculpts the Blue Water Ramblers' sound. Tom DeVries sparks up the bright tunes with his sizzling mandolin and creates the rich, full harmonies on the ballads he leads from his guitar. Like Bear and Banjo-Jim, Tom has been entertaining all over the midwest since his early twenties. "There's nothing I'd rather do than find a good song, work it up with the boys and deliver it to an enthusiastic audience," says Tom. For larger venues and major festivals we have an expanded line up: California Dan Lynn moved to Michigan in 2000 after a great career as a bassist in a bluegrass band touring all over the Golden State. He missed picking and was intrigued to hear about our Jam on the Grand in August, 2002. Dan showed up with his bass and we jammed the day away. Just a few weeks later we were looking for a stand-up guy who played stand-up bass and California Dan said, "Yep." Now he's the rock steady foundation of that Blue Water sound we Ramblers present. The Blue Water Ramblers' repertoire comes right out of their Michigan life experiences and the history of the Great Lakes region. It includes lake

shanties, lumberman ballads, union rallying cries, farmers' paeans, Michigan humor, '60s civil rights and protest music, love songs, gospel music and children's ditties. Everyone agrees that these combine into a versatile repertoire to the delight and entertainment of their audiences. "I think my hero, Woody Guthrie, would approve," opined Banjo-Jim. "We're singing the people's songs about the people's lives and they can join right in and sing along." "Music is something you do with your friends," said Bear. "It's great to sing on stage, but we also like to pick with people whether we find them out in the parking lot or around the campfire." Tom adds, "That's right. When we're harmonizing with a pal's song or jamming out one of the old fiddle tunes, we have created community in the best sense of the word!" Blue Water Ramblers - the folk song of Michigan, American and your life! Visit our website: BlueWaterRamblers.com

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