## Mp3 Don Charbonneau - Songs From The Coastline/safe Harbour



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Stories in song about living on the Lake Superior coastline-Don Charbonneau expresses his love for Northern Ontario... truly a special place in the world...once you've experience it's beauty and magic it never leaves you. 16 MP3 Songs FOLK: Gentle, FOLK: Traditional Folk Details: Don Charbonneau is a singer/songwriter who lives on the north shore of Lake Superior in Wawa Ontario. His first album Songs From The Coastline reflects the love and respect he has for Lake Superior and the people who live and work along the rugged coastline and the interior. Youll hear stories-in-song of camping, fishing, trapping, mining and stargazing. Northern Ontario is truly a special place in the world. Once youve experienced its beauty and magic it never leaves you. Just close your eyes and feel the power of the waves crashing on the shore and see the beauty of a northern moon shining on the silver birch. Look up at stars you can almost touch and feel Superior blowing in your soul! Don Charbonneau's Northern Highway This article was written on May 23/06 by Brenda Grundt of wawa-news.com It's been just over a year since I listened to Wildwood "Through Tom's Eyes" a CD written and performed by local resident Don Charbonneau. In that CD, Don gave listeners a glimpse into what he believed Tom Thomson may have felt as he explored and painted in the Algonquin Park area many years ago. Tom Thomson, a truly gifted Canadian artist, painted with members of the Group of Seven, and helped inspire them with his paintings of Algonquin Park. That album was an unique collaboration between Herschel Payne, a concert violinist and artist in residence at Pukaskwa Park (2005) and Don. This year, Don has refined his musical talents with his new CD "Don Charbonneau's Northern Highway", a musical journey from Agaway Bay to Thunder Bay via the Trans-Canada Highway. It opens with Agawa Bay, a song that Don explains began with a conversation that he overheard at the MHS 50th Reunion a few years ago, "I overheard a conversation about a father

asking his son to scatter his ashes in Agawa Bay once he had passed away." That conversation and the experiences that Don had while he worked at Agawa Bay Park in the early seventies inspired that song. The Mary Jo was inspired by local historian/author Johanna Morrison-Rowe and the two passenger-supply boats (the Caribou and the Manitou) that made regular trips to Michipicoten Bay before the highway was built. These boats docked at "Government Dock" on Michipicoten Bay, an arrival that was welcomed by residents who would ship their cars in and out of isolated Wawa to go on holidays (Wawa may have had 30 miles of road in total at that time). After a big storm, you may be lucky to see part of the old dock remains after the waves tear away the covering sand. Mystic Isle (or Michipicoten Island as it is officially known) was dedicated by Don to all the mariners that travel the magical waters of Gitchee Gumme in their fragile craft. A special treat is the background vocals sung by Don's grandaughter Alex Charbonneau. In another song inspired by a Lawren Harris, member of the Group of Seven, The Hills of Agawa is wonderful piece of music. The last song on the CD, Running Free was written after a trip to Thunder Bay Don and his wife took in spring of 2005. At that time there was a lot of news about the 25th Terry Fox Anniversary. After my wife shared some stories about Terry Fox's stop in Wawa, she asked if I could write a story. That very night, we watched the news, and a video clip of Terry running up a hill in the early morning and the fog was lifting. It appeared as if he was really struggling, and I realized that he was trying to accomplish an almost impossible task, and that he was guite determined to just that. Don relates, "I really enjoyed writing this song, and never tire of performing it." If you visit Don's website you can listen to the new CD (and others as well), print lyrics and purchase all of Don's musical work. "Northern Highway" is a wonderful album to listen to and features some of the most beautiful spots along Superior's North Shore. This album has some of the best music to listen to as you drive this "Northern" Highway" and you are certain to find yourself singing along. This CD also features the many talents of Don's family on it; from Noel (son - electric base background vocals, co-producer), Dawn (daughter background vocals), Alex (grand-daughter - background vocals). Don lives in Wawa with his wife, Jude; and continues to enjoy the outdoors as he works as a fishing guide.

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