




Land of the Silver Birch

 right hand slaps the strings against the fret board
 right hand knuckles knock on the table of the guitar

 *Em*
  *Em/G*
  *Emsus4*

percussion

mf

tamb.

Em *Em* *Em* *Em* *Em* *Em* *Em* *Em*

f Land of the sil-ver birch, Home of the bea-ver

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Em *Em/G* *Emsus4* *Em* *f* *f*

Where still the migh-ty moose wand-ers at will.

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Em *Em/G* *Emsus4* *Em*

Blue lake and rock-y shore, I will re-turn once more.

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17

tamb.

ff *Em* *f* *Em/G* *dim* *Emsus4* *Em*

ff *Em* *f* *Em/G* *dim* *Emsus4* *Em*

ff Boom de de boom boom *f* Boom de de boom boom Boom de de boom boom boom.

ff Boom de de boom boom *f* Boom de de boom boom Boom de de boom boom boom.

f Down in the fo - rest, Deep in the low - lands,

mp My heart cries out for thee, hills of the north.

f High on a rock - y ledge I'll build my wig - wam
mf lake and rock - y shore I will re - turn once more

mp Close by the wa - ters edge, si - lent and still.
p Boom de de boom boom Boom de de boom boom Boom

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mf Blue lake and rock - y shore f I will re - turn once more

mf Rock - y shore rock - y shore f I will re - turn once more

41 tamb.

ff Boom de de boom boom f dim mp p Boom de de boom boom Boom de de boom boom Boom

ff Boom de de boom boom f dim mp p Boom de de boom boom Boom

45

ponti f Once more! tamb.

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Notes:

Guitar 1 is the easiest part, and Guitar parts 2 and 3 suit players who enjoy playing chords.
 The leader of the group should play Guitar 4.
 The idea of the percussive opening bars is to set the scene for the song eg., building a wigwam high on a rocky ledge.
 The performance is intended to be on guitars only. The words of the song are put in to help with the phasing and the rhythms but they could also be sung.
 The dynamics and articulation markings are there to be observed and enhance the performance.
 Enjoy!

'Land of the Silver Birch' is a traditional Canadian Folk Song sometimes sang while canoeing. The song 'My Paddle's Clean and Bright' also fits with this song as a duet or as a round.
 The words are from a poem written in the 19th century by E Pauline Johnson.