RISE AND SHINE, LAKE WINNIPEG

Choral score in Bb Major

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The genesis of *Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg* was a short, five-line poem that was written as part of a creative writing assignment at Red River College back in 1971. With the encouragement of my instructor, I filled it out to include a few more verses. It sat on a sheet of paper – untouched – for a couple of years.

Then I happened to meet a musician from Husavik, Manitoba, named Lorne Martin. We would soon discover that we were born just days apart at Gimli Hospital, and that our dads had commercial fished together on Lake Winnipeg. Instant connection!

Lorne took it upon himself to write a melody and turn my poem into a song – one which became the staple of many a Lake Winnipeg bonfire. It was performed in public a few times over the decades, and was even recorded in 2011 at Lorne’s home studio in Arnes, with my daughter Lindsey singing lead vocal.

In 2011, the unthinkable happened. Lorne passed away very suddenly, and from that day forward, I committed to fulfilling a wish that the two of us had shared: to make *Rise and Shine* known to a broader audience. In 2016, I contacted the Lake Winnipeg Foundation... and the rest is history.

Lorne had a deep respect for the land and the watershed. He would be so proud to know that the young people of today are singing the praises of the lake he loved.

– Rod Palson
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Part 1

Part 2

Part 3

Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine!

Rise and shine!

Rise and shine!
There's no thing in this world that will ever match the sight of glorious Ol' Lake Winnipeg in the early morning light.
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

The sky a-live with colour, the water a sheet of glass, A

gull fishing for his breakfast makes a silent breaking splash.
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Rise and shine, Lake Win-ni-peg, rise and shine!

Rise and shine, Lake Win-ni-peg, rise and shine!

The call of the loon in the dis-tance is the on-ly sound I

Oo

Oo
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

hearth. above the whisper of the water washing softly against the pier.

Ah softly against the pier.

Ah Soft against the pier.

And then the gentle murmur of a screw-top powered skiff, a

Oo of a screw-top powered skiff, a

of a screw-top powered skiff, a

...
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

never say die old fisherman heading out for his morning lift.

Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine! Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine!
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Let your early morning splendour touch the sky!

And let your rippling waters drift towards the other side.

Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine! Down the winding shoreline a rise and shine!

Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine! Down the winding shoreline a rise and shine!
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

campfire crackles bright.

Pic'k'rel fillets in the frying pan to

As the morning sun gets

start the day off right.
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

...brighter and the fog begins to rise that big old lake, it just seems

to grow, it's a sight for sorry eyes.

Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Solo 1

shine, Lake Win-ni-pég. rise and shine!

Miles of clear blue

Solo 2

wat-er as far as I can see,

I'll nev-er for-get that morn-ing and how

Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Solo 1

shine, Lake Win-ni-pég. rise and shine!

Miles of clear blue

Solo 2

wat-er as far as I can see,

I'll nev-er for-get that morn-ing and how
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Solo 3

good it felt to me. For the rest of my days I assure you, I'll

Part 1 and Part 2 together

Oo

Solo 4

never ask for more than another day to rise and shine on Lake

Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Win-ni-peg's sandy shore.

Ah

Ah

Win-ni-peg, rise and shine!

Rise and shine, Lake Win-ni-peg, rise and shine!
Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg

Rise and shine! Rise and shine, Lake Win-ni-peg, rise and shine!

Rise and shine! Rise and shine, Lake Win-ni-peg, rise and shine!

Rise and shine! Rise and shine, Lake Win-ni-peg, rise and shine!

Rise and shine! Rise and shine, Lake Win-ni-peg, rise and shine!

Rise and shine!

Rise and shine!
Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg

Rise and shine, lake Winnipeg, rise and shine.

Verse 1. nothing in this world that will ever match the sight of the loon in the distance is the only sound I hear.

Glorious Ol’ Lake Winnipeg in the early morning light above the whisper of the water washing softly against the pier.

The sky alive with colour, the water a sheet of glass, a screw top powered skiff.

Gull fishing for his breakfast makes a silent breaking splash.

Never say die old fisherman, heading out for his morning lift.

Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine.
Let your ear-ly morn-ing splen-dour touch the sky! And

let your rip-pling wa-ters drift to-wards the other side.

Rise and shine, Lake Winni-peg, rise and shine.

Down the wind-ing shore-line a camp-fire crac-kles bright.

Pic-k'rel fil-lets in the fry-ing pan to start the day off right.

As the morn-ing sun gets bright-er and the fog be-gins to rise that

big old lake, it just seems to grow, it's a sight for sor-ry eyes.

Rise and shine, Lake Winni-peg, rise and shine.
Miles of clear blue water as far as I can see. I'll never forget that.

morning and how good it felt to me. For the rest of my days I assure you, I'll never ask for more than another day to rise and shine on Lake Winnipeg's sandy shore.

Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine. Rise and shine, Lake Winnipeg, rise and shine.
The Lake Winnipeg Foundation began around a kitchen table in 2005, founded by citizens who shared a concern for Lake Winnipeg’s future and a belief that they could change things for the better. Today, we are a growing community of lake-lovers – and together, we are translating science into solutions for the health of Lake Winnipeg.

At LWF, we understand that music has the power to connect us. Water also connects us. It is essential to life on our shared planet and its health is our shared responsibility. *Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg* speaks to Lake Winnipeg’s history and evokes its enduring beauty. Through melody and words, it captures how many Manitobans feel about this iconic water body – the 10th largest freshwater lake in the world.

With this song, Rod and Lorne gave us all a gift. We are delighted to help turn this gift into a lasting legacy by transforming *Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg* into choral score.

Offered at no cost to music teachers throughout Manitoba and beyond, our wish is for educators to use this song to engage with their students about why Lake Winnipeg is important – and why it’s worth protecting, now and for future generations.