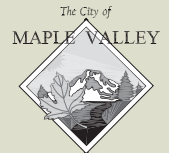


*The salmon came riding home
 Home from long journeys through the great seas
 How magnificent they flash
 Look, home is just up there
 Push on a little more
 Weaving the waves together, the salmon
 Dance in small, joyful jumps
 Scales shine a bright silver
 Riding the rhythm of the breaking waves
 They twist their bodies and leap*

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