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L'Etoile Du Nord

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The title translated is the Minnesota state motto: "Star of the North." Whether you live in Minnesota or far from here, this song may bring you right back to the people you miss. (Commissioned by the Minnesota Historical Society for the dedication ceremony of the Minnesota History Center)

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The stories of "Mitakuyapi," Dakota legacy
Day to day were spoken
The stories, rippled on lakes so blue, by the Montreal canoe
Were felt across the ocean

REFRAIN:

"L'Etoile Du Nord," shining out so bright
A guiding star at night, "The Star of the North"
"L'Etoile Du Nord" where the river runs
The fire and the drums, are here forever more
"L'Etoile Du Nord"

ADDITIONAL VERSES:

The stories, of the wagon wheel, those trains on rails of steel
Spoke of dust and thunder
The stories, real as walls of stone, born of flesh and bone
Red, Black, Yellow, White, all colors

The stories, passed from voice to hand
In this Minnesota land, of spirit and devotion
The stories, the Anishinabe told, so many years ago
Continue here unbroken