

# CANOE

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music by Pete Atkin

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The first staff starts with A♭, followed by B♭, G m, and C m chords. The lyrics are: "The per-fect moon— was huge ab-ove the sea—". The second staff starts with F m, followed by C, D♭, A♭, and B♭ chords. The lyrics are: "The surf was eas - y— ev - en— on the reef We were—". The third staff starts with B♭11, followed by C m, F m, and C chords. The lyrics are: "— the luck-y three— Who slid in— our can - oe through the". The fourth staff starts with D♭, followed by A♭, G♭, F m, and E♭ chords. The lyrics are: "flow - ers— on the wat-er And tried to read the sig - nals— in the sky—". The fifth staff starts with a rest, followed by A♭, B♭, and G m chords. The lyrics are: "We trav - elled— with our neck-lac-es of shell—". The sixth staff starts with C m, followed by F m, C, D♭, and A♭ chords. The lyrics are: "— The moon was wan - ing— through the nights and days And". The seventh staff starts with B♭, followed by B♭11, C m, and F m chords. The lyrics are: "how we dreamed— of home— But we could-n't find— the". The eighth staff starts with C, followed by D♭, A♭, and G♭ chords. The lyrics are: "is - lands— where you trade the shells for feath-ers We faint - ed— in the". Measure numbers 10, 15, 20, 26, and 31 are indicated above the staves.

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 40 F m E♭ Canoe  
 sun's re - flect - ed blaze \_\_\_\_\_ With

45 A♭ B♭ G m C m F m  
 crack-ing lips — I turned to tell my friends \_\_\_\_\_ The time had

50 C D♭ A♭ B♭ B♭11 C m  
 come — for all of us to die She's out — a whole de - gree —

56 F m C D♭  
 — I told them — as I float - ed — check-ing read - outs — at my

60 A♭ G♭ F m E♭  
 should-er — Re - ent - er — at this ang - le — and we'll fry —

65 A♭ B♭ G m  
 The Go for ov-er - ride — came up from Earth —

70 C m F m C D♭ A♭  
 We took con - trol and flew her — with our hands And

75 B♭ B♭11 C m F m  
 how we dreamed of home — We saw the South Pac -

80 C D $\flat$  Canoe A $\flat$  G $\flat$  3  
 if - ic \_\_\_\_ as we fought to get her — zer-oed Be - fore the heat - shield

84 Fm E $\flat$   
 start - ed \_\_\_\_ hitt - ing air \_\_\_\_ We

89 A $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm Cm Fm  
 came home \_\_\_\_ in a roar - ing purp - le flame And gave the

94 C D $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$   
 miss - ion \_\_\_\_ back \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ the mach - ines We were \_\_\_\_\_

98 B $\flat$ 11 Cm Fm C  
 — the luck-y three \_\_\_\_ the par-a chutes de - ployed we were

103 D $\flat$  A $\flat$  G $\flat$  Fm E $\flat$   
 rock-ing \_\_\_\_ like a crad-le as we drift-ed down in sil - ence \_\_\_\_ to the sea \_\_\_\_

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