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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE COMING IN GREAT! MAXINE SENT OUT MEMBERSHIP CARDS THIS MONTH. SOME ARE STILL COMING IN. REMEMBER THE ROSTER WILL BE MADE UP IN FEBRUARY, READY FOR SALE AT STATE CONVENTION. FIDDLE CONTESTS ARE COMING UP, TOO...SO, IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN TO MAIL IN YOUR DUES, GET THEM IN NOW! \$12.00 PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR.

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COMING EVENTS	FEBRUARY 1985	DISTRICTS
Jan. 2	Regular Jam and Dance, Greenacres Grange	5
10	Regular Jam, Milwaukee Senior Center, Milwaukie	7
10	Regular Jam, Senior Center Bend	3
10	Regular Jam, Grange Hall McMinnville	8
10	Regular Jam & Elect. of Officers, Sr. Ctr., Burns	9
15	Glasgow Grange (Note date change)	5
17	Reg. Jam & Elect. Officers, Firgrounds, Klamath Falls	1
17	Regular Jam, American Legion Hall Lebanon	6
24	Reg. Jam., Jerome Prairie Hall Grants Pass	4
Mar. 2	Reg. Jam and Dance, Greenacres Grange	5
10	Jam, Ascension Hall Portland	7
14,15,16	STATE CONVENTION, FAIRGROUNDS ROSEBURG	OOTFA
24	Jam & Elect. of Off., Grange Hall, Elmira	6
Apr. 21	Jam, Elsie Stuhr Sr. Center Beaverton	7
May 10,11	STATE FIDDLE CONTEST, HIGH SCHOOL, LEBANON	OOTFA

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I am not going to write a long letter because I want Maxine to have enough room to tell us all about the contention that's coming up. I do want to say a big THANK YOU for all the help we have received, and are still getting. It is a tru-ism that big things grow from small things, and that all things large or small are made up of trifles. So, what seems at first glance to be of scant significance can turn out to be highly important. Come and help with the little things. The large things are obvious. Two good old boys drove up to the lumber yard. One went in and asked for some "4 by 2's". The clerk asked, "You mean 2 by 4's, don't you?" The good old boy said, "Wait a minute", went outside and came back in. Then he said, "You're right, 2 by 4's". The clerk asked, "How long do you want them?" The good old boy said, "Wait a minute" and went outside to talk to his buddy again. When he came back in he answered, "We're building a garage, so we'll want 'em for a long time"!

Love you all, BUCK

## CONVENTION NEWS

The annual State Convention, March 14, 15, 16, will be held in Roseburg, Oregon, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Convention Hall. Doors will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight. Some hook-ups are available in the camp ground on a first come basis. Self-contained rigs can camp on some paved

areas. (Check at the office). A fee will be charged for all campers. Please pay camp registrar. Motels are available, but make reservations EARLY!

Publicity for this event is in the capable hands of DOROTHY HOUSTON again this year, with DAVE ROBINSON printing the handbills. GAYLAN MORRIS will be bringing and operating Dist. #6 PA system for the 3 days. WAYNE HOLMES will chair the Nominating Committee and purchase officers' plaques. JIM & GYNN DEATON, with their efficient help, will be manning the concession every day, as well as preparing the banquet, and they tell us we do not have to bring our own table service! Isn't that great!

MARCH 14, Thursday, the hall will be open for business by early afternoon, but the fun will really start in the evening with the jamming, dancing and visiting. The Concession will open as soon as possible on Thursday, and at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Please bring finger foods for an evening snack. Registration will be open and everyone is asked to register as soon as they arrive and pick up their program.

Those bringing special items for the Friday drawings, please give them to SUSIE MILLIGAN or MARGE SANFORD. We have been asked to repeat the drawings again this year...so, if you can donate something...THANK YOU. We already have 2 small decorative lamps, decorated "railroad nail" figures, a lovely hand-made fishing pole, filberts, crocheted work and paintings. Sure sounds like fun. You people are really great! The drawings will be held hourly on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or until everything is won. Exception is the SPECIAL DRAWING for a baby MR. T DOLL for the younger set. They do not need to be present, BUT they must be there in person to register. The drawing for this will be held at the banquet.

Each district is asked to provide two centerpieces for the tables. The state is taking care of the head table. All centerpieces are to be given to FAYTHE MAAHS or JEANETTE ROBINSON, and all will be given away by drawings at the banquet.

Registration Chairperson is GRACE FOX. Her husband, PURL and HELEN BARTH will help her. They will have banquet tickets on sale Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday until 5 p.m. Cost will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 per child 12 and under. There are only 250 tickets available, so get yours early. You can write for reservations to: GRACE FOX, 1231 Olympic Street, Springfield, Ore., 97477. No tickets will be sold on Saturday. The Deatons need a count so food can be prepared.

MARCH 15, Friday, the doors open 8 a.m. Meals available at a reasonable price. Confirmed workshops: Fiddle and Bass Fiddle will be held 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Instructors CAROL ANN WHEELER and ED and PENNY MEAD. Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Workshops times will be announced. BILL YOHEY and JOEY MCKENZIE, Instructors. There will be one Fiddle Workshop held on Saturday morning at 9:15 to 10:15 for Beginners and 10:30 to 11:30 for Intermediates, Instructor, GREG BAKER. These will be held in partitioned areas this year. Also, 2 pianos will be available for jamming.

The 1985 Rosters will be on sale for \$1.00 each. We are only printing 250 this year. Please, Secretaries, take plenty of copies back to your people. Let's use them all. Decal stickers are 25¢ each on sale at the Registration Desk (JOE and STELLA BARTA in charge). LEW HOLT will have the large OOTFA logos on sale for \$5.00 each. We will also have the address so you can order OOTFA pins at \$5.00 each. (See Dist. #5 news).

The Fiddle Show will begin at 7:45 p.m. with Les Tucker, Chairman. Everyone will be asked to vacate the hall around 6 p.m. so the ticket stand can be set up. LEE JONES will be in charge of this project. Only those showing their OOTFA Membership Cards at the door will get in free. All others must pay \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child. This show is open to the public. (NOTE: If you have friends who are thinking of joining, please get this information to them so they can join and get their card before convention.) After the show the hall will be open until 12 p.m.

MARCH 16, Saturday, the 3rd State Quarterly Executive Board Meeting will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the stage. Officers and delegates please be prompt.

The Annual State Meeting and election of officers will begin at 1:30 p.m., President, BUCK MILLIGAN, Presiding. All members are asked to attend if at all possible.

The Banquet will be at 6 p.m. LEROY SIMS, M.C. Come and enjoy a good meal, prepared by our own members, fun awards, drawings and only LeRoy knows what more! So, get your tickets early!

The annual Fiddlers' Dance tops all this wonderful week-end like frosting on a cake. Music is provided by our own fiddlers. We can dance and visit from 8 p.m. until midnight?? BOB CRUMP will be standing by with a sign-up sheet for the players. Fiddlers, get your "act" together and sign up as groups. You're terrific and we all love it! Mark March 14, 15, and 16 on your calendars and get your rigs ready to roll. Come join us in March for another real special and wonderful convention. In case I forgot something or someone, I'll report again, briefly, next month.

We will need a CLEAN-UP CREW SUNDAY MORNING. I'm asking for your help. If there are any volunteers, please make yourself known to Buck or me, and a big THANK YOU.

MAXINE BENSON, Convention Chairman

#### DISTRICT #1

It's time to say "Hello" from our District again so soon. How time flies! The jam at the Firgrounds was well attended with old and young musicians and a large audience. Also a beautiful warm day. What fun we had. We welcomed several new people.

Jan. 27th will be Fiddling-day again for Senior Citizens at the nursing homes.

Feb. 7, at 6:30, some of the fiddlers will play for the annual 4-H group at O.I.T.

The Feb. Jam will be at the Fairgrounds Feb. 17. Public welcome at 2 p.m. During the a.m. business meeting, new officers will be elected. We will also vote on the most improved fiddler and accompanist for the year awards. The first Thursday of the month, Feb. 7, will be Fun Night at the Shasta Grange Hall. Yall come. Feb. 21 will be Fun Night for the OOTF at the Church of God on Altamont. Two Fun Nights a month should make more improvements and good fellowship. See you there.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 3

February Jam will be held February 10th at 1:30 p.m. at the Bend Senior Center. Everyone who enjoys good fiddle music come and enjoy yourself. There will be a Potluck supper immediately following the jam session. Lots of good food and good fellowship.

Fiddlers taking part in the January jam were Sony Spatz, Dave Gutcher, Orlo Flock, Don Hanson, Brian Hanson, Harley and Margie Nimmo, Danny Hanson, Bob Hawes and, for the first time, Deane Thomas got his nerve up and played his fiddle. Did a fine job, too. We had a new young lady, Jean Otto, who just moved to Bend from Wisconsin, who also made her debut as a fiddler, in the old-time style. She has been playing classical violin for quite a few years and is now going to take up the old time fiddling. It is nice to have another girl-type fiddler join us.

Those backing the fiddlers with guitars were Tony and Bill Spatz, Don Hanson and Bob Larison who just moved to Bend from North Dakota. They were joined by banjo pickers Deane Thomas, Harley Nimmo and Don Hanson on the mandolin part of the time. Vollie Chisholm manned the bass.

We missed having Tom and Betty O'Neal with us and also Don and Lee Hanna. The Hannas had a sick cow and had to attend her. Dick Williams was also on the missing list.

We extend our sympathy to Bernie Hanson who lost her brother very recently in Wyoming.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4

Feb. 24 Regular Jam, Jerome Prairie Hall, Grants Pass  
Members of Dist. 4 want to take this opportunity to thank so many gracious people who helped out at the State Jam in Roseburg in the absence of Chairman, Sam Stelle, due to his stint with the flu. They were Jim and Gynn Deaton, for opening up the hall, Dorothy Houston, for the advertising, Glen Brown, Dusty Yancy and Doris Barkley, for assisting Juanita Yancey in the kitchen, and to Mr. Allen for a great job of emceeing. Also to all others I might not know the names of. All is greatly appreciated. We also appreciate such a nice crowd in the audience, without which we couldn't survive our expenses. A big thank you to all of you, and especially the musicians.

Our Feb. pot luck and jam will be held on Sun., Feb. 24th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jerome Prairie Hall, in Grants Pass. Take Redwood Hwy. out of Grants Pass, turn left onto Redwood Ave. for approx. a quarter of a mile. Jerome Prairie Hall is the white building on the right side, across the road from the school.

Condolences to Perl Coverdale, upon death of her husband, Ned, a life member and a really oldtime fiddler. Also to Cecil Lacey upon the death of his wife, Juanita.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5

NOTE: Lew mailed his news in plenty of time but the U.S. Mail lost all the good stuff and all I received was the outside wrapper. Called Lew, and hope I have reconstructed his news somewhat accurately. Thelma

We finished 1984 by playing at the Senior Center in Coos Bay. Those who played were: Fred Virtue, Alice Holt, Bob Shaffer, Carl Dean, Norma Allen, Gene Gosney, John Allen, Warren Baker, Elmer Benson and Lew Holt. Backup included Shorty Dow, Abby Shaffer, Joe Graham, Betty McKee, Ella Savery, Bob McKee, and Murrel Walton. We had a great time, both players and dancers, ending the year with such good friends.

The next Saturday, we were at Greenacres Grange for more delicious hamburgers and playing for the dance. We were pleased to have Warren Baker and Marie Gates from Dist. 4, Ann and Don Domes from Gold Beach again, and to welcome John and Dorothy Settle of Port Orford.

We had 18 of our members attend the State Jam at Roseburg.

The first Sat. of March, we will have our District Meeting at Greenacres Grange Hall. Get there at 7 p.m.

Please note that the meeting at Glasgow has been changed to Feb. 15th (NOT March 15, as reported).

Address for the OOTFA fiddler pins is: CASCADE SPECIALTIES, 3432 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR 97501. Cost is \$5.00.

LEW HOLT, Reporter  
(Also Ma Bell & AT & T)

#### DISTRICT 6

We had a great jam at the Willamalane Sr. Center in Springfield. During the business meeting it was decided to have Gaylen Morris check on new speakers we plan to buy to replace those we are selling to the State. We also voted to donate \$50.00 to the Hosannah Child Care Center, a non-denominational organization which has helped so many children and also our OTF district. After a wonderful potluck we joined a full afternoon of great music. LeRoy Simms still wants to find the woman who baked the great

CHOCOLATE CAKE! He is even offering a reward (?)!!!

Our Fred Anderson is recovering after a recent heart attach. His friends have missed him and Verginia, and look forward to the time he will be back to his usual "pickin' and grinnin'".

Smitty reports a large tablespoon of theirs is missing after the potluck in Springfield. It is an Onieda spoon with "White Orchid" printed on the back. They have someone else's spoon they got home with by mistake. If you locate the errant spoon, or want yours back, call 896 3853, or write to Van Smith, 44455 McKenzie Hwy., Leaburg, OR 97489.

We need players for the Applegate Care Center in Eugene, for Feb. 14th at 2 p.m.

Regular Jam at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. Remember it is on the North end of town. Lunch will be furnished all players & spouses. (It always seems that last word should be "speece" or, at least, "spice" to make it plural. I guess that would depend on the spouse. Some are much "spicier" than others. Editor's note.)

LINDA DANIELSON, Reporter

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS!!! PURL FOX & GRACE MOORE were married one snowy cold night, Jan. 26, 1935. They are going to celebrate their 59th Anniversary on Feb. 23, 1985 at Thurston Grange Hall, 66th and Thurston Road in Springfield. No gifts, please. The Open House will be hosted by their daughter, Lois Swanstrom and husband, Fred, sons Clair Fox and Jerome (Bill) and wife, Susan between the hours of 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come help them celebrate those many happy years together. (Ph. 746 6486 if quest

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P.S. I forgot to mention that Bill Sprunger also played at the Hult center with David Kohl on the Orange Blossom Special. Only wish I had been there. Also want everyone to know about the fun dances at some local Granges. Second Friday night of every month meet at Thurston Grange (Springfield) and third Friday of every month meet at the Junction City Grange. Come at 6 for a potluck, then dancing afterwards until ??? This is open to anyone, not just fiddlers or Grangers, and everyone gets a chance to play if they wish. On Feb. 14th, a special potluck and Valentine Dance will be held at Irving Grange, on Prairie Rd., in Eugene. Come at 6 and have fun! If you have any questions about these, call Jerry or Vera Kinnaman, 747-8013

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#### DISTRICT 7

Feb. 10, Milwaukie Senior Center, Rusk Rd. off Hwy 224, then Kellog Creek Rd into N. Clackamas Central Park, Senior Center is located in the Park. NO POTLUCK. Free fiddle workshop for beginners to advance fiddlers, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Play from 1 to 5 p.m. Election of officers prior to 1 p.m.

March 10, Ascension Church Hall, 7507 S.E. Yamhill (corner of Yamhill and 76th), Portland. Play 11:30 to 4 p.m. No potluck.

April 21, Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, Beaverton. Potluck at this one.

The January Jam was a small success. 19 fiddlers played to a small audience. What we lacked in numbers, we made up in music. Had some enthusiastic dancers and everybody got a lot of playing in. The scheduled election of new officers was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Had a surprise visit and heard some nice fiddle music from former chairman, Wayne Walter. Others who gave it their "all" included Tom Widman, Gordon Indergurd, Bob Huffman, Yvonne Uptmor, Ruth Keen, Bob Fast, "Bunky" McFee, Red Arnold, Bill and Dorothy Cavasos, Chuck Williams, Grant, Tiffany and Carol Ann Wheeler, Jonathan Summers, Helen Hakanson and "yours truly". Not being a football enthusiast, I goofed and scheduled this one on a bad weekend. We should have a good crowd at the Milwaukie jam. If I missed anyone above, please excuse.

There will be no potluck at the Feb. jam, but we're in for a treat from last year's Chairman, Greg Baker. Cookies and coffee will be furnished by the district. Greg will provide 2 free fiddle workshops. The first one from 11-12 a.m. is for fiddlers who know little or nothing about fiddling. If you have a friend or acquaintance who would like to learn something about fiddling, or has fiddled a little, have them attend this workshop. The second workshop will be for intermediate to advance fiddlers. A good opportunity to learn some new licks. Bet from the way I worded the above you thought Greg was going to furnish the cookies and coffee. I plan to attend both sessions and feel I should be able to get something from each one. A fiddler's non-fiddling spouse should find this program educational. Hope to see all of you there.

We received a nice letter from the office of the President, Clackamas Comm. College. President, John W. Hakanson writes:

"Please extend my appreciation and that of the College Foundation Board to our friends in District Seven of the Old Time Fiddlers' Association for the \$112.00 they have contributed in recent months to the Foundation's Performing Arts Center Fund.

I hope we both see the day when the Fiddlers perform in that facility."  
Thanks John.

GARY EVANS, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 8

In spite of illness, distance, fog and football games, the turnout for the Jam at Salem Sr. Ctr. Hall in Salem was excellent. The dinner was great and everybody had a good time. The program, MC'd by Phil Emert and Lee Jones, started promptly at 1 p.m. 22 fiddles, 2 mandolins, a Jews harp, an accordion, a guitar solo and 4 vocalists, with 8 accompanists, made up the entertainment. A short period of dancing followed.

There has been a change in the date of our Feb. Jam and election, as published in last month's Hoedowner. The meeting will start at 11 a.m., Feb 10, at the McMinnville Grange Hall. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and lunch at noon, as usual.

It was a real pleasure to be able to come back among you and take part in the music again. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for the many kind acts, the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits, etc., during the long painful weeks of my recuperation. There's just one warning I must get through to every one of you.....Please, ALWAYS take a moment to FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS!!!

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 9

Feb. 10, Election of Officers 11 a.m., Potluck, and Jam at 1 p.m., at Burns Senior Center, Burns

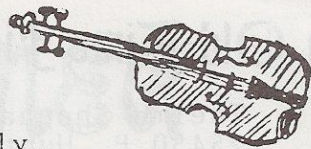
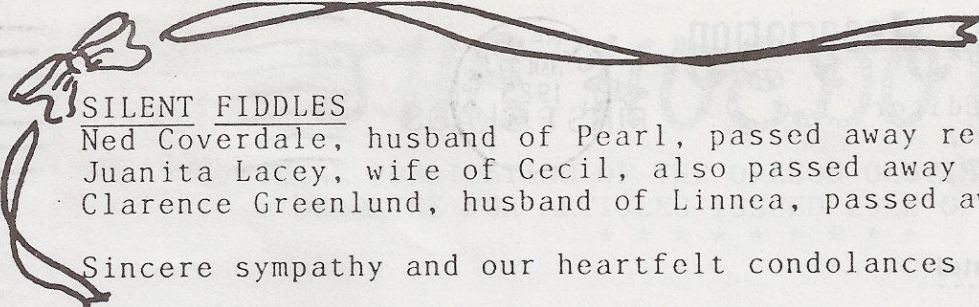
Hi! We had plenty of fun at our January Jam, though attendance was down a bit. Fiddlers Susi Smith, Connie Lefor, Harry Blair, Ruel Teague, Brick Callaway, and Turn Dunten were in attendance. Stan Phillips drove down from John Day with his bass fiddle. Other accompanists included Helen Sargeant, Dennis Sedam, and Janet Burgess. Some of the faithful spouses spent the afternoon addressing envelopes to send of contest information. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

New Year's Eve found the fiddlers playing at the Valley Golf Club. Somehow they managed to avoid a barroom brawl this year!

Don't forget the election of officers before the February Jam. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. The potluck is at 1 and we'll let 'er rup about 2 p.m. We need at least a third of the membership in attendance to take a vote, so "be there or be square".

JANET BURGESS, Reporter

TS: Did you know that Break-Dancing was invented by teenagers trying to steal hubcaps from moving automobiles?



## SILENT FIDDLES

Ned Coverdale, husband of Pearl, passed away recently.  
Juanita Lacey, wife of Cecil, also passed away recently.  
Clarence Greenlund, husband of Linnea, passed away January 23, 1985.

Sincere sympathy and our heartfelt condolences go out to their families.

### FROM THE EDITOR:

People have been asking about the "ads" I have put in the Hoedowner. We are obligated to 8 pages for the Hoedowner and I often have to fill in spaces to make up the pages. I would rather that space be utilized by and for all of you members. As we can't anticipate District news, we never know how much space will be available each month. So far, we have not charged anything for your ads and hope we don't ever have to.

We have a lot of new members, too many to list here this month, so I would like to welcome them to our fiddle-family and hope they find the joy we have. Throughout the year, I will add new names and FULL addresses so you can add them to your rosters. Maxine and I are working to get all information correct and up to date. However, being human, mistakes will get by, so please be patient with us, and let us know any changes we need to make. At the present we are searching for addresses for BUD OWENS, of Roseburg, who might have moved to somewhere in Dist. 5., and DENNA SCOTT who was in Oakridge then went back east last year for surgery.

I have information on the NORTHWEST REGIONAL FIDDLER'S CONTEST, March 28, 29 & 30, at Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, WA. There will be lots of prize money and trophies, the usual divisions and some special features (such as Twin Fiddling Competition). Their newsletter states that "Five 1984 N.W. Regional Contestants won national titles this past year". I have more information, and the schedule of events if any of you would like them...just call or write me.

Thanks, again, for all your help. I appreciate all your cards & letters.

THELMA SHEPHARD, Editor

Greg Baker says for the Dist. #7 Workshop, Feb. 10, any fiddlers coming to the workshop should bring a MUSIC STAND and a FIDDLE.

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WALLY BLOOM and friends have made up a cassette, FIDDLING & FOOLING, with fiddle, accordion and guitar. \$10.00 covers cassette, postage and handling if you wish to order any. Address to: Wally Bloom, Box 885, Glasgow, Montana 59230. If any of you have ever heard Wally fiddle, you'll not forge:

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For those of you who prefer not to use refined sugar, or can not have it for health reasons, you might be interested in a NO SUGAR COOKBOOK from one of our own members, Addie Gonshorowski. Her book has a wide variety of delicious desserts, etc., that will ease your conscience, waistline and blood sugar. (I've eaten some...they're great.) If you'd like to order, \$5.99 each, or 2 for \$10.99 includes cost of mailing. Write or call Addie at P.O. Box 5426-NR83, Eugene, OR 97405, or call 343 5868.

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The Dale McCoys and Vilas Sansoms are visiting together for awhile at Quartzsite, Arizona soaking up the sunshine and "fiddling around". Miss them.

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T.S. The only sure remedy for a poor memory is to forget it!

Did you hear about the city that passed an anti-barking ordinance--  
Now there are no dogs aloud!

He who tells jokes to make others feel superior is a real wit, while  
he who tells jokes to make others feel small is only a half-wit.

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Had a few requests for this:

## RED WING

There once lived an Indian maid,  
A shy little prairie maid  
Who sang a lay, a love song gay,  
As one the plain she'd while away the day.  
She loved a warrior bold,  
This shy little maid of old  
But brave and gay, he rode one day  
To battle far away.

She watched for him day and night,  
She kept all the campfires bright,  
And under the sky, each night she would lie,  
And dream about his coming by and by;  
But when all the braves returned  
The heart of Red Wing yearned,  
For far, far away, her warrior gay  
Fell bravely in the fray.

## CHORUS:

Now the moon shines tonight on pretty Red Wing,  
The breeze is sighing,  
The night bird's crying,  
For afar 'neath his star her brave is sleeping  
While Red Wing's weeping  
Her heart away.

Words by Thurland Chattaway  
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