

The Spruce Budworm Song

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 we. *Refrain* As the sun will rise to set so low so the
 sea-sons come & the sea-sons go and what e'er our thoughts 'tis our
 deeds be known and we shall reap what e'er we sow!

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 and this concerns our island and the forest industry
 and a spray which has potential yet unknown to such as we
 need I tell now of the death and woe that may come to our homes
 a known disease the scientists they name it Reyes Syndrome
 it is this cruel punishment that all our children face
 and it's we must stop this spray campaign, this is our worthy case
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 so the seasons come and the seasons go
 and whate'er our thoughts, 'tis our deeds be known
 and we shall reap whate'er we sow

it's in New Brunswick's lumberwoods this budworm breeds in strength
yet the forest industry still plans to spray our lands at length
what has that done in all these years, they spray and children die
and the budworm it grows stronger, on this spray they'll multiply

Vince MacLean, you have my gratitude for all your help last year
against the odds of millionaires you heard our cries so dear
again this year these businessmen, they're on a new campaign
to deceive the public with their lies, that they might try again

as the sun will rise to set so low
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there is no man of common sense could ever want this spray
the evidence it proves it wrong, we know this all today
these men don't care what comes in five years, they want their profits now
I would doubt that even one of them lives in this province now

and now as I sing to close, I pray you to take heed
we need the help of everyone if we are to succeed
you know we have no money like the forest industry
so please don't fear to speak aloud, this is your own country

I wish to thank Mike MacDougall of Ingonish Beach for his influence
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"The Harvest".

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