

## Way Up the Ucletaw

This BC lumberman's song tells of loggers travelling from Vancouver up the Seymour Narrows between Quadra and Sonora Islands to the Ucletaw (Yuculta) Rapids. They were travelling to log "pitchbacks"; Douglas fir over six feet in diameter and over two hundred feet high. There are very few of these trees left now. In the age of power tools, it is difficult to imagine these giants being felled by hand, in difficult and dangerous conditions. The song is thought to originate in a camp of unemployed loggers in the False Creek area of Vancouver in the 1890s. Loggers had to supply their own blankets. Biscuits were a mainstay of their diet and a greenhorn cook is an inexperienced cook who undercooked the hotcakes.

We will sing all three verses with no interlude between verses.