

Brought forth by Mashkoonce Day, Wasaw Wahzhoo Banaise Dodem  
(Condor Clan)  
Performed by Dorene Day, Waubanewquay, Marten Clan  
Produced by Stephen Lang

The story of the Nibi (Water) Song told by Beatrice Menase Kwe  
Jackson, Migizi Clan.

This song was written by Doreen Day at the request of her  
grandson. She attended a conference about the water in which the  
internationally known speaker, Dr. Masaru Emoto said, the very least we  
should do every day, is to speak to the water:

Water, we love you.

We thank you.

We respect you.

So she did this. Every day on their drive to drop Mashkoonce  
(Little Elk) to school, they passed a body of water. And every day they said  
these words to the water as they drove by. They made games by saying it in  
different voices and then would say it as fast as they could. Then one day  
Mashkoonce, said, "Nokomis why can't we say this in our language?" So, Dorene  
asked her daughter's language teacher to write it in Ojibwemowin. Dorene had  
the words taped to the car visor as they learned the words.

One day this grandson Mashkoonce said, "Nokomis why don't we  
sing the words, don't you think the water would like it to be sung?" So she  
thought about it and came up with the tune. They sang this song to the water  
every morning on their drive to school.

It is sung like a lullaby and we don't use shakers or drums.

Doreen and her grandson, Mashkoonce, give permission for  
everyone to share this song... sing it to the water every day.

Ne-be Gee Zah- gay- e- goo

Gee Me-gwetch -wayn ne- me – goo

Gee Zah Wayn ne- me- goo

