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Chorus: Will ye g'on to the Highlands Lizzie Lindsay,
Will ye g'on to the Highlands with me,
Will ye g'on to the Highlands Lizzie Lindsay,
Me bride and me darlin' to be?

Will I g'on to the Highlands with you sir?
Oh, no that never could be,
For I know not the land that ye live in,
or even the name you go with.

Chorus

Oh Lassie, I think ye know better, If you say that you don't know me, For I'm Lord Donald MacDonald, A chieftain of high degree.

Chorus

Oh, she's taken up her skirt of green satin, And she's held it up around her knees, She's gone with Lord Donald MacDonald, His bride and his darlin' to be.

Chorus

Well, I've gone to the Highlands with you sir,
And yes, it always will be,
For the love of the mountains and rivers,
I'll stay in this valley with thee.
-- Traditional text; last verse by Linda Tutas Haugen

Composer Notes

Commissioned by the American Composers Forum *Continental Harmony Project*, composer Linda Tutas Haugen was selected by the state of Idaho, and encouraged "to discover Idaho and reveal it to itself" through a new musical work for the McCall, ID, choir and orchestra. While visiting Idaho, she met with many residents and researched local history in the McCall Library archives. "I decided to write about the beautiful land, the wonderful people that settled and still live on the land and their life experiences in coming to Idaho," states Haugen. *Breath of the Mountains: A Folk Suite*, premiered in July of 2000 by the McCall Chamber Chorale and Chamber Orchestra. It was recorded and entered into the Library of Congress.

Lizzie Lindsay, the fourth movement of this suite, is based on the beautiful Scottish folk song. The setting of the chorus and verses builds in intensity throughout the movement as the story unfolds. The final verse, added by Haugen, relates to the previous three movements by returning to the importance of the beauty of the land. "I chose to set this song and to include folk musicians in this last movement because of a wonderful moment I experienced during my first visit to McCall," writes Haugen. "I was invited to a jam session of folk musicians where I heard Lizzie Lindsay for the first time. While they were playing, the moon came up over a Ponderosa pine- filled ravine with the roaring Payette River below. It was truly magical." Lizzie Lindsay has been a catalyst for bringing together communities wherever it's been performed.

LIZZIE LINDSAY

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LINDA TUTAS HAUGEN







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Linda Tutas Haugen

Performed on four continents, Linda Tutas Haugen's music has been critically acclaimed as "music of character and genuine beauty." [Minneapolis Star Tribune.] Opera Today praised her opera, Pocahontas, as "superbly crafted," "engaging," and "beautiful and powerful." She has written for instrumental and vocal chamber ensembles, symphony orchestra, wind ensemble, solo voice, chorus, and opera. She has received national awards, fellowships and commissions from ASCAP, American Composers Forum, American Guild of Organists, Meet The Composer, National Endowment for the Arts, National Kidney Foundation, San Francisco Girls Chorus, and Virginia Arts Festival and Virginia Opera. Her choral music has been performed by high school, university and adult choirs throughout the U.S., in Europe, Asia and Australia.

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