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Andy Lowe's Manitoulin Yodel Celebrates the Cup and Saucer

Andy Lowe of Sudbury is a singer, songwriter and entertainer whose live performances have been silenced by the pandemic. He's gaining more visibility, however, from music videos he has been recording and posting on You Tube recently. One of the songs he has added, is "The Manitoulin Yodel," a fun number that was inspired by Manitoulin Island's most spectacular Niagara

Escarpment view, that from the top of the Cup and Saucer Trail. Andy relates how he was moved to give a Tarzan yell from the summit on his first hike there, which made him think that this was the ideal place for a Manitoulin yodeller.

To watch Andy talk about and perform this piece, go to YouTube.com and search for Andy Lowe, Sudbury. Meanwhile, with his permission, here are the lyrics.

The Manitoulin Yodel

*He came from Mindemoya, they called him Lonesome Jim
 He said he was born to yodel and the locals laughed at him
 He climbed the Cup and Saucer, stood high atop the bluffs
 And from Gore Bay to Sheguiandah you could here him sure enough*



▲ Andy Lowe was the resident entertainer at Killarney Mountain Lodge for 20 years. He has written more than 30 songs about Manitoulin, Sudbury and Killarney, including "The Manitoulin Yodel," which he composed in 2014. PHOTO BY STACY KING.

*Idle iddle addy-yoo ,
 let your spirit fly
 Oddle iddle ooh-e-yah,
 all across the sky
 Hoiee-yawee awee-
 hee far and wide
 Oddle diddle dee, do the
 Manitoulin Yodel*

*He went to Little Current to the Country Jamboree
 Entered in the competition at the karaok-ayee
 Some folks was disappointed 'cause he didn't sing country
 But he won a nice porketta with his yodel-ee-aye-yay*

*Now Jimmy liked to yodel at functions and events
 At funerals and weddings, in fact every where he went
 As far as Espanola Jimmy's fame had spread
 As the Haweater who's yodel was enough to wake the dead*

*Poor Jimmy was a drinker and he smoked three packs a day
 When he could no longer yodel the poor man past away
 But as you cross that swinging bridge you'll hear it on the wind
 Jimmy standing up on high a yodel-ee-aye-in*



◀ View from the top of the Cup and Saucer Trail on Manitoulin Island. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.