

The Richest Man in the World

Patrick Fitzgerald (2017)

(Chorus)

C1

Lake Michigan winds through the walls and the floors
First Christmas morning without uncle Pearl
He went down to the bottom 1884
He was the richest man in the world

Em	D/F#	G	Am
C	B7		
Em	D/F#	G	Am
C	D/F#	G	

V1

Every year since I can remember
He'd come on the 25th of December
Bringing great treasures he'd shaped with his hands
And stories from faraway lands

G	D
C	D
G	D
C	B7

V2

With Christmas tree angel wings from seagull feathers
Her halo and dress from a piece of old leather
Her body and face made from wolverine bone
And a Petoskey stone

G	D
C	D
G	D
C	B7

C2

(Chorus)

V3

Fireside visits and we'd want to know
How big is your ship and where do you go?
Muskegon, Chicago, Across the great pond
Mackinaw and beyond

G	D
C	D
G	D
C	B7

V4

A spoon carved from cherry wood, Hand written map,
Fresh maple sugar, a Beaver skin cap
Dolls made from schooner sails stuffed with great care
With sand from Sleeping Bear

G	D
C	D
G	D
C	B7

C3

(Chorus)

S

Solo over chorus THEN
Solo over verse

V5

One stormy evening in early October
The wind had her way, and the ship she rolled over
Although the chaplain he prayed to the Lord
They lost all 50 souls aboard

G	D
C	B7
G	D
C	B7

V6

We went to his cabin and all we could see
Was a picture he'd drawn of my family and me
On the table a paper was folded in thirds
It just had seven words
I'm the richest man in the world

G	D	
C	B7	
G	D	
C	B7	
C	D/F#	G