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Lake Huron rolls, Superior sings  
In the ruins of her ice water mansion  
Old Michigan steams like a young man's dreams,  
The islands and bays are for sportsmen.  
And farther below Lake Ontario  
Takes in what Lake Erie can send her  
And the iron boats go as the mariners all know  
With the gales of November remembered.

Gordon Lightfoot, 1976

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**Cover Photo:** Along the shores of Gitche Gumee. A moonlit summer evening along Lake Superior, Chequamegon Bay in northern Wisconsin, is but one example of the beauty and biodiversity found throughout the Great Lakes. As Karen Rodriguez and Ronald Reid point out in their story about Great Lakes Biodiversity Investment Areas (p. 135), these shorelines need protection and restoration to care for the region's plant and animal communities, and to help maintain cultural activities such as commercial and sport fishing, wild rice gathering, and responsible tourism. *Photo courtesy of Karen Rodriguez*

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