Traditional Canadian songs

My Paddle's Keen and Bright

Dip, dip and swing her back, flashing with silver.

Follow the wild goose flight, dip, dip and swing.

Land of the Silver Birch

My paddle's keen and bright, flashing with silver.

Land of the silver birch, home of the beaver, where still the mighty moose

These two songs work as 'partner songs' - the ostinato shown above can work with either or both songs.

They are also possible to sing as canons. (round) WHY?