



the expedition of
Lewis & Clark

UP THE MISSOURI

Lewis & Clark in music

I was stationed on the in the fall of 1803
When Lewis came and laid out his request
Volunteers are needed and the strong
For a journey to the edges of the
You'll see only dreamed of
Meet people yet unknown
You'll find hardship and you'll come to know it well
You must speak of this to no-one till the day we leave
And these orders come from himself

I stepped up to my Captain
And said I'll be first to go
I've been looking West since I was just a boy
But he would not release me from the infantry
You're still needed here, in western

So I took my case to Lewis
I'll be useful on your tour
I'm a, I'm handy with an oar.
And so he interceded, he spoke on my behalf
And he took me as a member of the

CHORUS

It's up the river we go
In water and
We'll chart the way to the shore
Out where sundown meets the

And so I write this in May of 1804
We head out from St Louis in the morn
..... have been readied, the boats are set to go
My time for writing letters nearly gone
If these words should reach you, say a for my return
If I don't, I hope you won't
That if I get to gaze upon the blue shore
This will die with no regrets.

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1. Fill in all the missing words. Listen to the song as many times as you need.
2. What type of document is it?
 - What does it represent?
3. When was it made?
 - Give all information you can
4. What is the narrator's view on the West?
5. What do you know about the narrator? Age? Job? Family?
 - Go online and search for the name of the real member of the expedition. Justify your choice.
<http://www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/inside/>
6. What is his opinion about the outcome of the expedition?



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