

The Mighty Iroquois

Music by John and Nancy Bryan

Lyrics by Nancy Bryan with Cady Stanton Elementary/ Grade 4 Chorus

They lived in longhouses in Central New York
Native Americans settled and worked
From the Genesee in the West to the Hudson in the East
They would fight
They could not live in peace

Then Deganawida had
A vision of an eagle perched in a tree
He said to Hiawatha
We can live in harmony

Chorus
Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, Cayuga
They had a dream to always live in peace
The League of Five Nations
With unity and joy
They became the Mighty Iroquois
Iroquois

They grew squash, corn, and beans
Three sisters they were named
Fished in the clear, sky blue lake
Made their wampum belts with brightly colored shells
Played lacrosse, hunted deer every day

They said the Great Spirit had
Laid his hands upon the land
Made the Finger Lakes appear
They respected Nature here

Chorus

People of the Longhouse
Haudenosaunee
Five became one nation
With harmony and peace
With unity and joy
We're the Mighty Iroquois
We're the Mighty Iroquois

Chorus