

IN THE FOREST BEYOND THE LAKE

Traditional Latvian Folk Tune

This is a six-part arrangement of the Latvian folk tune, “*In the Forest Beyond the Lake*”. This is a traditional tune with no known composer. There is also little to no information about the tune. There is also no known recordings by any artist I’m aware of. I learned this song from an ethnomusicologist.

This song lends itself to multiple parts, providing an opportunity for many different players with the same or varying skill levels to participate. The first part is the basic melody, which is played using the middle string. This is an important part as it keeps the rhythm for the other parts. There is also a bass, backup, and harmony which also assist with this. And to add another voice to the chord melody, there is a counter melody. When performed as a group, it is beautiful. That said, when an individual plays the chord melody as a solo, it is equally lovely.

In music and friendship,

~ *Tull*

