

Rondout Bound

VolunteerMusic

Celebrating Kingston, NY's historic waterfront district

V.1

Burroughs praised the clear cool stream
That flowed from crag and glen
But Rondout would offer more
Than musings for his pen

Gather up the waters
From the highlands to the plain
Carry nature's plenty and
The restless work of men

B.1

The 'talk' in fog of Cornell's tug
There's Commerce to be done
The roar of Mary Powell
A Catskill tour's begun!

Chorus

Bring your Rondout riches 'round
Your bounty borne to shouts of steam
We have the vessels, sure and sound
To carry all your Rondout dreams.

V.2

A city's anxious appetites
 Would call on Rondout pier
And sloop and barge and steamship
 Would settle low from here

Groan from brick and bluestone,
 The cement for Roebling's bridge
Coal floated down the D&H
 From Pennsylvania ridge

B.2

Tough men came with accents thick
 And rougher ways, as well
To swing the loads and raise a glass
 And shock the Kingston swells

CH.

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V.3

Soon the city's human stream
From crowded avenue
Would seek for rocky spires
And the famous mountain 'view'.

From New York up to Rondout Creek
In steamship's record time
Then, well met by the R&O
To speed the Catskill climb

B.3

Nature's beauty then the parlor's
Topic *de rigueur*
The touts of Hotel magnates
Are quick to guide the tour!

CH.

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V.4

Modern currents now prevail,
And carry other lives
Mathilda only plys a stream
That's made of school trip eyes

Highways carry code to screen
Bring mouseclick visions near
Obscure the gift that trace and tale
Would bring of yesteryear

B.4

And what now of the clear cool creek
The poet did esteem?
It watches from the glen
And listens for the steam

CH.

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