

**For John 'at-Sea'** (aka John Bovey, RCNVR, son of Colonel Wilfrid Bovey, then owner of The Red House)

**You have often spent his summer  
At Metis beside the sea  
On the grand Saint Lawrence River  
Thirty miles from Rimouski.**

**And 'tho you've been away for years  
When you return you'll see  
That nothing ever changes at  
Metis beside the sea.**

**The wonders of the sunset  
The skies that are so blue  
The pine trees and the spruce trees  
Are waiting here for you.**

**The little church you sang in [Yellow Kirk]  
And rang the bell with glee  
Is still around the corner  
In the place it used to be.**

**And when the war is over  
God grant that you may be  
Here with your wife and children  
At Metis beside the sea.**

**ELB (Mrs. Wilfrid (Eleanor Lily Macklin) Bovey, mother  
of John)  
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