

**Tune Kantele to Am**

<b>Am</b>	<b>Em</b>	<b>Dm</b>
A —○— B	A —○— B	A —○— B
C —○— D	C —○— D	C —○— D
E —○— F	E —○— F	E —○— F
G —○— A	G —○— A	G —○— A
B —○— C	B — <b>x</b> — C	B — <b>x</b> — C

# Great is the Desolation of Your Shore

On Suuri Sun Rantas Autius

Traditional Finnish Folk Song  
Lyrics Translated by Meiju Virkkunen  
Lyrics Adapted by Lani K. Thompson

**Note:** Replace the E major chord with a two note interval consisting of E and B.

**Am** **Em**

1. How dis - mal and bar - ren is your shore, yet my  
2. I stood up — on your shore, a boy with a

**Dm** **Em** **Am**

heart longs to be there. How I miss the sad cry —  
heart so full of woe that your grey waves still hold the

**Em** **Am** **E** **Am**

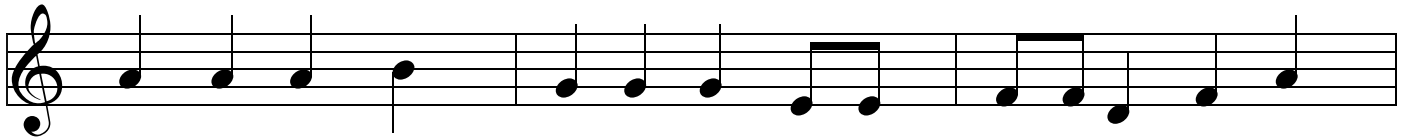
of the duck wail - ing in the eve - ning air like some -  
tears I shed on those nights so long a - go. Oh, the

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**Em**

**Dm**



- one la - ment - ing in the night, someone lost — and all a -  
waves, the marsh, and slen - der reeds live in my — heart ev - er -

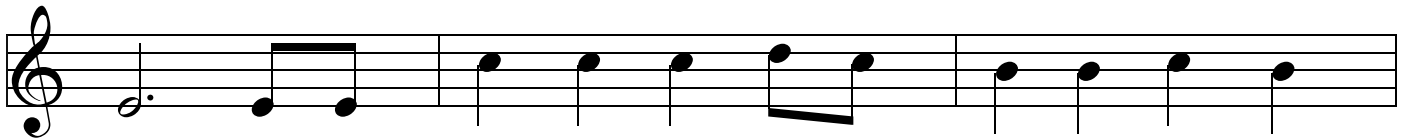
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**Em**

**Am**

**Em**

**Am**



- lone. Some one who has wan - dered in - to the reeds and  
- more, and I'll al - ways hear the — lone - ly call of

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**Am**

**E**

**Am**



can - not find his home.  
ducks up - on your shore.

1. On suuri sun rantas autius,  
sitä sentään ikävöin:  
Miten villisorsan valitus  
soi kaislikossa öin.  
Joku yksinäinen eksynyt,  
joka vilua vaikeroi,  
Jok' on kaislikossa kierrellyt  
eik' emoa löytää voi.

2. Sun harmajata aaltoas olen  
katsonut kyönelein,  
Ens' surunsa itkenyt rannallas  
mun on oma nuoruutein.  
On syvään sun kuvasi  
painunut ja sitä ikävöin,  
Olen villisorsaa kuunnellut  
mä siellä monin öin.