Ballad of Big Moose Lake

As sung by Larry Older

Medium waltz  \( \frac{3}{4} \) = 124

1. 'Twas a hot, sultry day in the summer,
   They gathered the sweet water lilies
   But Cupid was too strong for Gillette;
   As they traveled out over the water,
   He now sleeps in Auburn's dark princess,
   Two mothers are waiting and praying.

   Capo 3: D G

   And the flowers were all aglow.
   That grew near the shores of Moose Lake.
   Where no one could hear his last call,
   And soon will give up his young life
   One praying that just ice be done;

   A7 D G

   They started out on their vacation,
   And no body thought he'd be guilty,
   And the girl that he once loved so dearly,
   And no body knows how it happened;
   That might have been filled with sunshine
   The other one praying for mercy

   A7 D

   The lakes and the mountains to view.
   The life of the poor girl to take.
   From her he wanted to part.
   On ly God and Gillette know it all.
   Had he taken Grace Brown for his wife.
   And God to take care of her son.

Older is quite flexible with the rhythms; the natural rhythm of the words seems to be the focus.

* Sing the F and G on the first verse only; on verse 4, sing two 'C's.