

A NEW EDEN

SOPRANO

Song of the forest, bird on the wing.
Tell me, men, of your wandering.

CHORUS

The endless Missouri
flowed in its glory
like a strong brown god.

Our ships were endorsed
upon the current's broad force
and strove against the stream

to ascend
to ascend
to the end of the endless Missouri

SOPRANO

Wave of the prairies, beast of the field.
Tell me, men, what your strivings yield.

CHORUS

The endless prairie
burst into view
in a sea of grass.

To the horizon
thundering bison
met our startled gaze

to ascend
to ascend
the ends of the endless unseen rocky mountains.

LEWIS (B section)

Here lost to sight
from all that I knew.
I found myself
in a world made new.

Animals never before beheld.
Waterfalls plummeted, riverbanks swelled.

The beast trod the earth in peace
in a world unknown to the East
since Eden was lost.
A land of fire and frost,
A new Eden.

LEWIS and SOPRANO

A new Eden.
An undiscovered Eden.

CHORUS

And we searched the undiscovered Eden's end.