CANOE, CANOE,
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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Older man and woman are on the beach next to painted canoe. She sits on a log, next to a large a salmon on woven mat. The man stands looking down at fish. There are canoes in background. Tulalip Indian Reservation, Washington, 1907.

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I can take you to many places, within me and within you.
Canoe, canoe! What can you do?
I want you to remember to look beyond my bowfront.

Canoe, canoe! What can you do?
I can take you to many places, old and new.

Canoe, canoe! What do you want?
I know all the things that happened since the days of long ago.

Canoe, canoe! What can you feel?
I can feel the cold waters and the warmth of your heels.

Canoe, canoe! What do you know?
I see the paddles dipping to move you and me.

Canoe, canoe! What can you hear?
I can hear the water swishing as the steersman steers.

Canoe, canoe! What can you see?