

FOUR STRONG WINDS – Ian Tyson

CHORUS:

Four strong winds that blow lonely, seven seas that run high
All those things that don't change, come what may.
But our good times are all gone, and I'm bound for moving on.
I'll look for you if I'm ever back this way.

Guess I'll go down to Alberta, weather's good there in the fall.
Got some friends that I can go to working for.
Still I wish you'd change your mind, if I asked you one more time.
But we've been through that a hundred times or more.

CHORUS

If I get there before the snow flies, and if things are looking good,
You could meet me if I sent you down the fare.
But by then it would be winter, not enough for you to do.
And those winds sure do blow cold way up there.

CHORUS

Four strong winds...

Per Wikipedia, "**Four Strong Winds**" was written by Ian Tyson in the early 1960s and recorded by Canadian folk duo Ian and Sylvia. A significant part of the early 1960s folk revival, the song is a melancholy reflection on a failing romantic relationship.

The song has a clear Canadian context and subtext, including an explicit mention of the province Alberta as well as references to long, cold winters. In 2005, CBC Radio One listeners chose this song as the greatest Canadian song of all time on the series 50 Tracks: The Canadian Version.