

Ar žinai tu, klajūne, keleivi Do You Know, O Wandering Traveler ?

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The words are filled with longing. Although we send the wandering traveler back to his homeland, it feels as though we would gladly be there ourselves. Perhaps that wanderer is us... In our thoughts we comfort ourselves with memories and lingering images of our homeland.

Subsequent verses clearly show not only the narrator's directions as to where to travel and what to see, but also the longing to visit the home of one's parents. They describe the timeless beauty of the waves, amber, the shouts of happy children, and the echo of songs resounding through the villages as evening falls.

Why does the author send the wanderer home to the place of his birth? Perhaps the wanderer is her soul, which finds no peace where she lives now – so like a wanderer she only returns home in her thoughts. Or perhaps, once we leave home, we can never find home again...

The longing for one's homeland flows throughout the song; the beauty of Lithuania's scenery is presented; these feelings and images are described in detail to the wandering traveler. Who is this wanderer? One's soul, life, nostalgia, destiny, a displaced person... us?