Michigan falls are glorious, with bright blue skies, the vibrant colors of the turning leaves, and moderate temperatures. The campus is characterized by excitement and optimism, with returning students and faculty, alumni reunions, and always the expectation of a winning football season and possibly a New Years Day trip to Pasadena.

Fall is a time of beginning—new students, new faculty, and new activities. The calendar is crowded, with long-standing traditions such as football weekends, Homecoming, fraternity and sorority rush. But with new students and faculty come new activities and opportunities. The pace is brisk and demanding, with little time to become oriented to the complexities both of the campus and the University academic programs. There is little time to feel homesick—there are new friends to make, new classes to find, and new organizations to join.

Fall is also a time for visitors to the campus—returning alumni, campaigning politicians, world leaders, and even an occasional deity (e.g., the Dalai Lama). By the time the leaves have fallen, temperatures have dropped, and the holiday season arrives, the University is ready for a break.
Fall
Big Ten Championship Teams

Now for a cheer they are here, triumphant!
Here they come with banners flying,
In stalwart step they’re nighing. With shouts of vict’ry crying,
We hur-rah, hur-ray - we greet you now.

Hail. Far we their praises sing. For the glory and fame they’ve bro’t us.
Loud let the bells them ring. For here they come with banners flying.
Far we their praises tell. For the glory and fame they’ve bro’t us.
Loud let the bells them ring. For here they come with banners flying.
Here they come, Hur-rah!
Hail! to the victors valiant
Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes,
Hail! Hail! to Michigan the leaders and best,
Hail! to the victors valiant,
Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes.
Hail! Hail! to Michigan the champions of the West.

We cheer them again, We cheer and cheer again,
For Michigan, We cheer for Michigan. We cheer with might and main.
We cheer, cheer, cheer with might and main we cheer.

Hail! to the victors valiant,
Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes.
Hail! Hail! to Michigan the champions of the West.