

O Canada

French words: Adolphe-Basile Routhier (1839–1920)
English words: Robert Stanley Weir (1856–1926)

Music: Calixa Lavallée (1842–1891)
arr. George Alfred Grant-Shaefer (1872–1939)

Maestoso

The piano introduction is in 3/4 time, marked *Maestoso*. It begins with a *mf* dynamic and features a series of chords in the right hand and a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand. The dynamics increase to *f* towards the end of the introduction.

7

cresc.

O Can - a - da! Our home and na - tive land! True pa - triot love in
Ô Can - a - da! Ter - re de nos aï - eux, Ton front est ceint de

mf *cresc.*

The second system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with the same accompaniment pattern as the introduction, with a *mf* dynamic and a *cresc.* marking.

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all thy sons com - mand. With glow - ing hearts we — see thee rise, The True North strong and
fleu - rons glo - ri - eux! Car ton bras sait por - ter l'é - pé - e, Il — sait por - ter la

The third system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with the same accompaniment pattern, with a *mf* dynamic and a *cresc.* marking.

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20 *cresc.*

free! From — far and wide, O — Can - a - da, We stand on guard for thee.
croix! Ton his - toire est une é - po - pé - e Des plus bril - lants ex - ploits.

25 *f*

f God keep our land glo - rious and free! O Can - a - da, we stand on guard for
Et ta va - leur, de foi trem - pée, Pro - té - ge - ra nos foy - ers et nos

32 *rit.*

thee. *ff* O Can - a - da, we stand on guard for thee.
droits; Pro - té - ge - ra nos foy - ers et nos droits.

Additional English lyrics by R. Stanley Weir

2. O Canada! Where pines and maples grow.
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow.
How dear to us thy broad domain,
From East to Western Sea,
Thou land of hope for all who toil!
Thou True North, strong and free!

Refrain: God keep our land glorious and free, etc.

3. O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise,
To keep thee steadfast through the years
From East to Western Sea,
Our own beloved native land!
Our True North, strong and free!

Refrain: God keep our land glorious and free, etc.

4. Ruler supreme, who hearest humble prayer,
Hold our dominion within thy loving care;
Help us to find, O God, in thee
A lasting, rich reward,
As waiting for the Better Day,
We ever stand on guard.

Refrain: God keep our land glorious and free, etc.