

WE LOVE CANADA
(A Composition for Choir and Piano)

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Compositional Procedures and Analysis of We Love Canada

Title : We Love Canada


Medium : Voice and Piano

Time Signature: Simple Time

Style : Tonal, Diatonic, Melodic, like a Choral piece

Form : Rondo

Duration : At 100 beats per minute = 3 minutes 12 seconds

Motif : 

Analysis of *We Love Canada*

We Love Canada, composed by Olufunmilola T. Oladipo and arranged by Adeyeye Adetoyese Oladapo, is a patriotic choral anthem for SATB choir with piano accompaniment. Its strength lies in its simplicity and hymn-like character, which makes it accessible to both trained choirs and community ensembles. The work's structure, rhythmic clarity, thematic content, and performance potential reflect a thoughtful balance between musical craftsmanship and national pride. The anthem celebrates Canada as a diverse and inclusive nation, promoting unity and shared identity.

The piece opens at measure 1 with the text "I love Canada," presented homophonically by the choir. This serves as the A-section, establishing a direct and memorable thematic foundation. A contrasting idea emerges at measure 6 with the line "Canada is my home, Canada we are one," forming the B-section through its new text and extended melodic contour. At measure 11, the choir returns to material reminiscent of the opening, "Canada so much I love", creating an A' section and imparting a ternary (A–B–A') character.

A broader expansion occurs between measures 17 and 33, where the refrain "We love Canada so much" is repeated with layered choral harmonies. This functions as a C-episode, giving the

work a rondo-like trajectory (A–B–A'–C). From measure 34, the anthem reasserts the opening line “We love Canada,” uniting the choir in sustained harmony and reaffirming the A-theme. This confirms the modified rondo structure (A–B–A'–C–A) rather than a simple binary design.

The closing section, beginning at measure 65, introduces the patriotic climax: “Canada united, Canada will flourish, Canada will shine.” This passage reinforces earlier ideas while elevating them, functioning as a coda that brings the anthem to a confident and affirmative conclusion.

The formal outline may therefore be summarised as follows:

- **A (m. 1–5)** : “I love Canada. ”
- **B (m. 6–10)** : “Canada is my home”
- **A' (m. 11–16)** : Return of opening theme
- **C (m. 17–33)** : “Canada will shine, so much we love.”
- **A (m. 34–46)** : “We love Canada” refrain
- **Coda (m. 65–end)** : “Canada united... Canada will flourish”

Set at *Moderato*, the anthem maintains a steady, hymn-like pulse. The frequent use of crotchets and minims ensures clarity and cohesion across the choir, while longer note values, such as the dotted minims in measures 28–34, highlight key patriotic words including “love” and “Canada.” Occasional syncopations, particularly in the piano part, add momentum and emotional lift.

The texture is predominantly homophonic, allowing the text to be delivered with clarity. At climactic points, notably between measures 28 and 34, the harmony thickens to create a resonant, anthem-like sonority. The piano largely doubles and supports the choral lines, though performers may embellish the accompaniment to enhance grandeur.

The central theme of the work is patriotic affection for Canada, expressed through recurring phrases such as “I love Canada,” “Canada will flourish,” and “We love Canada.” The melody is hymn-like, built primarily on stepwise motion with occasional expressive leaps. The recurring phrase “We love Canada” serves as the unifying motif, shaping the modified rondo form. The composition also incorporates textual elements from the Canadian national anthem, notably in measures 62–64 (“with glowing hearts we see thee rise”) and measures 66–68 (“true patriots love we all command”).

Although largely fixed in structure, the piece allows for interpretative flexibility. The pianist may introduce arpeggiations, octave doublings, or dynamic flourishes to heighten climactic moments. Conductors may apply *ritardando* at cadences, such as in measures 33 and 75, to emphasise structural boundaries. Solo verses may also be introduced before full choral entries, adding variety while preserving the anthem’s integrity.

WE LOVE CANADA

Composer: Olufunmilola T. Oladipo

Arranger: Adetoyese Adeyeye

Moderato

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Piano

I love Ca - na-da Ca-

I love Ca - na-da Ca-

I love Ca - na-da Ca-

na-da is my home Ca - na-da we are one I love Ca - na-da so much I love

na-da is my home Ca - na-da we are one I love Ca - na-da so much I love

na-da is my home Ca - na-da we are one I love Ca - na-da so much I love

I love Ca - na-da so much I love

Pno.

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11

S
Ca - na-da so much Ca - na-da u - ni - ted Ca - na-da we flou-rish

A
Ca - na-da so much Ca - na-da u - ni - ted Ca - na-da we flou-rish

T
Ca - na-da so much Ca - na-da u - ni - ted Ca - na-da we flou-rish

B
Ca - na-da so much Ca - na-da u - ni - ted Ca - na-da we - flou-rish

Pno.

17

S
Ca - na-da will shine We love_ Ca - na-da so much We love_ Ca - na-da so

A
Ca - na-da will shine Welove Ca - na-da so much Welove Ca - na-da so

T
Ca - na-da will shine Welove Ca - na-da so much Welove Ca - na-da so

B
Ca - na-da will shine Welove Ca - na-da so much Ca - na-da so

Pno.

3

WE LOVE CANADA

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22

S
much I love Ca - na - da___ Ca - na - da is my home Ca - na - da we are one

A
much I love Ca - na - da___ Ca - na - da is my home Ca - na - da we are one

T
much I love Ca - na - da___ Ca - na - da is my home Ca - na - da we are one

B

Pno.

26

S
I love Ca - na - da so much I love_ Ca - na - da so much

A
I love Ca - na - da so much I love Ca - na - da so much

T
I love Ca - na - da so much I love Ca - na - da so much

B

Pno.

30

S
We love we love you so much

A
Ca - na - da we love you so much

T
Ca - na - da we love you so much

B
so much

Pno.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 30 through 34. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The music is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'We love we love you so much' for Soprano, 'Ca - na - da we love you so much' for Alto and Tenor, and 'so much' for Bass. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

35

S
We love Ca - na - da Ca - na - da we love you so much

A
We love Ca - na - da Ca - na - da we love you so much

T
We love Ca - na - da Ca - na - da we love you so much

B
We love Ca - na - da Ca - na - da we love you so much

Pno.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 35 through 39. It features the same four vocal staves and piano accompaniment as the previous block. The lyrics are: 'We love Ca - na - da Ca - na - da we love you so much' for all four vocal parts. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic and harmonic pattern.

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39

S We are fa - mi - ly

A We are fa - mi - ly

T We are fa - mi - ly

B We are fa - mi - ly

Pno.

45

S One big fa - mi - ly Ca - na - da we are one Ca - na - da we are one We love_ Ca - na - da so

A One big fa - mi - ly Ca - na - da we are one Ca - na - da we are one We love_ Ca - na - da so

T One big fa - mi - ly Ca - na - da we are one Ca - na - da we are one We love_ Ca - na - da so

B One big fa - mi - ly Ca - na - da we are one Ca - na - da we are one Ca - na - da so

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S
much I love Ca - na-da so much We are fa - mi - ly Ca-na-da we are

A
much I love Ca - na-da so much We are fa - mi - ly Ca-na-da we are

T
much I love Ca - na-da so much We are fa - mi - ly Ca-na-da we are

B
much I love Ca - na-da so much

Pno.

55

S
one fa-mi-ly we are one We love_ each o-ther so much We love_ each o-ther so

A
one fa-mi-ly we are one We love_ each o-ther so much We love_ each o-ther so

T
one fa-mi-ly we are one We love_ each o-ther so much We love_ each o-ther so

B

Pno.

7 7

60 WE LOVE CANADA

S
much We love our home with love our home with glowing hearts we see thee

A
much We love our home with love our home with glowing hearts we see thee

T
much We love our home with love our home with glowing hearts we see thee

B

Pno.

64

S
rise We love our home we love our home true patriots love we all co-mmand

A
rise We love our home we love our home true patriots love we all co-mmand

T
rise We love our home we love our home true patriots love we all co-mmand

B
We love our home We love our home We all co-mmand

Pno.

8

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69

S We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da

A Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da

T Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da

B so much We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da we love you so much We love Ca - na - da

Pno.

74

S -da Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we

A -da Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we

T -da Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we

B -da Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we love you so much Ca - na - da u - ni - ted Ca - na - da we

Pno.

9

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80

S
flou - rish Ca - na - da will shine We love__

A
flou - rish Ca - na - da will shine We love

T
flou - rish Ca - na - da will shine We love

B
flou - rish Ca - na - da will shine We love

Pno.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 80, 81, and 82. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'flou - rish Ca - na - da will shine We love__'. The piano part consists of chords and a simple bass line.

83

S
Ca - na - da so much We love Ca - na - da so much

A
Ca - na - da so much We love Ca - na - da so much

T
Ca - na - da so much We love Ca - na - da so much

B
Ca - na - da so much Ca - na - da so much

Pno.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 83, 84, 85, and 86. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Ca - na - da so much We love Ca - na - da so much'. The piano part continues with chords and a bass line.