

The Maple Leaf Forever

Alexander Muir
Arranged by David Marlatt

This rousing and patriotic song was written in 1867, the year of Canada's Confederation. It became very popular and, for many years, was the unofficial national anthem of Canada.

The story goes Alexander Muir was inspired to write this song by a large maple tree which stood on the street outside of his house. The lyrics, however quite dated for today's time, make references to several famous people and moments in Canadian history including James Wolfe and the battles of Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane.

If performing groups do not find these lyrics to their liking, they are encouraged to create their own that better suit their own community, school or event.

This arrangement can be played with or without choir. If there is no choir, another option is to have the quintet sing during the a cappella verse at measure 60 which would make an interesting moment for the audience to hear.

The piece opens with a "snare drum" passage played by the trombone and gradually introduces the theme in the horn while the trumpets play bugle calls. This introduction could serve as an opportunity for the choir to "march" into position and be ready for the chorus which appears at the key change.

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This folk song arrangement is part of a collection for young musicians celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary since joining Confederation.

for Canada's 150th Anniversary - 2017
THE MAPLE LEAF FOREVER

A. Muir
(1830-1906)
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Con spirito ♩ = 100

Optional Choir

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

F Horn

Trombone

Tuba

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

mf *echo* *p* *lead* *a la snare drum*

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21 22 23 24 25 26 27

sustained

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28 29 30 31 32 33 34

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35 36 37 38 39 40 41

42 43 44 45 46 47 48

49 50 51 52 53 54

mf

The Ma - ple Leaf, our emb - lem dear, The Ma - ple Leaf for -

55 56 57 58 59 60 61

ev-er! God save our King, and hea - ven bless The Ma - ple Leaf for - ev-er! At Queen-ston Heights and Lun - dy's Lane,

opt choir a cappella

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62 63 64 65 66 67 68

Our bravefa - thers, side by side, For free - dom, homes, and lov'd ones dear, Firmly stood and no - bly died; And those dear rights which

play

mf

play

mf

play

mf

mf

69 70 71 72 73 74 75

they main - tain'd, We swear to yield them never! Our watch - word ev - er more shall be, "The Ma - ple Leaf for ev - er!" The

mp

mp

mp

mf

76 77 78 79 80 81 82

Ma - ple Leaf, our emb - lem dear, The Ma - ple Leaf for - ev - er! God save our King, and hea - ven bless The Ma - ple

f

f

f

83 84 85 *p* *molto rit.* *f*

Leaf for - ev - er! The Ma - - - - ple Leaf!

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