

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 brass players 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.

PREVIEW ONLY

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

for the CWSA Brass Choir, Mr. Steven Brown, Conductor

THE MAPLE LEAF FOREVER

A. Muir
(1830-1906)

Arranged by David Marlatt

Con spirito ♩ = 100

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Choir
2 Part

B♭ Piccolo Trumpet
(optional)

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

B♭ Flugel Horn

F Horn 1

F Horn 2

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Euphonium

Tuba

Bells

Snare Drum

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opt. player
a la snare drum

lead

mf

mf

mp

mf

mp

6

7

8

9

10

Choir

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

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15

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16

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18

19

20

Choir

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

mf

mf

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21

22

23

24

25

Choir

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

mf

sustained

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26

27

28

29

30

Choir

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

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31

32

33

34

35

Choir

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

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36

37

38

39

40

Choir

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

mf

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41

42

43

44

45

Choir

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

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46

47

48

49

50

Choir

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

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51

52

53

54

55

Chorus

mf

Choir

The Ma - ple Leaf, our emb - lem dear, The Ma - ple Leaf for - ev - er! God

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

56

57

58

59

60

Verse

Choir

save our King, and hea - ven bless The Ma - ple Leaf for - ev - er! At Queen - ston Heights and

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

opt. choir a cappella

Hn 1

opt. choir a cappella

Hn 2

opt. choir a cappella

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

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61

62

63

64

65

Choir

Lun - dy's Lane, Our bravefa - thers, side by side, For free - dom, homes, and lov'd ones dear, Firmly

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
R D

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66

67

68

69

70

Choir

stood and no - bly — died; And those dear rights which they main - tain'd, We swear to yield them

Picc

Tpt 1

mf

Tpt 2

mf

Flug

Hn 1

play

mf

Hn 2

play

mf

Trbn 1

mf

Trbn 2

mf

Euph

mf

Tuba

mf

Bells

S.D.
R D

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71

72

73

74

75

Choir *ne-ver! Our watch-word ev-er more shall be, "The Ma-ple Leaf for ev-er!" The*

Picc *mf*

Tpt 1 *f*

Tpt 2 *f*

Flug *mf* *play*

Hn 1 *mf*

Hn 2 *mf*

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Euph *mf*

Tuba

Bells *mf*

S.D.
R D

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76

77

78

79

Choir Ma - ple Leaf, our emb - lem dear, The Ma - ple Leaf for - ev - er! God

Picc

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1 *f*

Trbn 2 *f*

Euph *f*

Tuba *mf*

Bells

S.D.
R D

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80

81

82

83

Choir *f*
save our King, and hea - ven bless The Ma - ple Leaf for -

Picc *f*

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Flug *f*

Hn 1 *f*

Hn 2 *f*

Trbn 1 *f*

Trbn 2 *f*

Euph

Tuba *f*

Bells *f*

S.D.
R D

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84

85

86

molto rit.

Choir *ev - er! The Ma - ple Leaf!*

Picc *p f*

Tpt 1 *p f*

Tpt 2 *p f*

Flug *p f*

Hn 1 *p f*

Hn 2 *p f*

Trbn 1 *p f*

Trbn 2 *p f*

Euph *p mf f*

Tuba *mp f*

Bells *p f*

S.D.
R D

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