

## Oh Canada

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He was carried from the water by a soldier  
And the picture screams a thousand different words  
He was running from the terror with his father  
Who once believed that nothing could be worse

So he'd handed a man two thousand precious dollars  
The way you'd rest a bird in a lion's open jaw  
And he told the boys that Canada was waiting  
That there was hope upon her golden shores

But at night he said a quiet prayer into the wind

Oh Canada, if you can hear me now  
Won't you open up your arms towards the sea?  
Oh Canada, if you could help me out  
All I ever wanted was a safe place for my family

Well the days were long but the nights were even longer  
And the baby boys never left their mothers' side  
But the boat was small and the waves were getting stronger  
And they began to fear they'd not survive

Till the father said "We gotta hold each other tighter  
I'm not losing everything I love tonight  
And we've come so far I know that out there somewhere  
There's a place we won't have to fear for our lives"

But as he held onto the side of the boat he looked up at the sky

Oh Canada, if you can hear me now  
Won't you open up your arms towards the sea  
Oh my Canada, if you could help me out  
The sea is turning and I think we're going down

Ohhhh  
Canada if you can hear me now,  
Won't you open up your heart towards the sea  
Ohhhh  
Anyone, please help me out  
All I ever wanted was a safe place for my family

There's a million ways to justify your fear  
There's a million ways to measure out your worth  
But the body of Alan being laid upon the sand  
Tell me how do we live with that?