

The Melting Pot

O Canada!

What a great place to live!

Immigrants from other places never looking back

Acceptance

That's what Canada means for hundreds of thousands of people

From all over the globe.

The welcoming open arms of this great nation

Beckoning people to come and share our home

The proverbial "melting pot"

An image that every Canadian claims with pride

Over time we have learned to accept and celebrate

Every diversity that has emerged within this great nation.

Creating conversations that has led to an understanding

Of how our country should be –strong, and free.

Our biggest challenge -

Keeping that dialogue going

Continuing to build bridges

When other nations are closing their borders and seeking to exclude

As an answer to peace and security.

Education is the key.

Open-mindedness and genuine respect

For differences

Cultivated through the understanding that

We all share this planet together

And each and every one of us have a right to be here.

This message must be instilled

At a very young age

So that differences on every level –

Religion, Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality, Ability, and Political views

Become woven

And remain forever

In the fabric of our Canadian identity.