

✉ **PLEASURE TO SERVE**

Dear Editor,

I have been a member of the RCMP now for five years and it has been my pleasure to serve in Canada's best police force. Everyone I have worked with has been professional and has made me proud to be a member of this great organization. I had the privilege of participating in the Nova Scotia Tattoo in the summer of 1996 — a mixture of different countries displaying cultures,

entertainment and military exercises. It has been fortunate that the RCMP has had a part to play in this event for some time now. While being a part of the Tattoo troop, I wrote the following song and this is the first time I have shared it with the membership at large. I feel it states everything noble about our "calling."

Thank-you,

Cst. Rick Head

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***A Canadian Anthem***

*Chorus: We will "Maintiens le Droit"*

*I said Maintain the Right,*

*We'll help link this country from left coast to right.*

*The strong crimson thread will stand guard for thee,*

*We will Maintiens le Droit for thee, Canada.*

*We will Maintain the Right for thee.*

*Verse 1: The history we bear makes us strong and so proud, we stand here united,  
we shout it out loud!*

*Even our roots bear strong names such as Steele, the world knows who we are,  
how privileged we feel.*

*The name on our crest is of royal decree — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police.*

*Verse 2: The Mounted Police, la GRC, our symbol shines forth from sea to sea,  
The Serge that we wear is more than a coat; it links us all in one unified note ...  
To lift up the fallen, to help those who hurt.  
Our job is our calling, we will stand alert.*

*Verse 3: We invite Canada to look at our hands, look at our faces, our colours of skin.  
See that is our strength, there's no weakness in this, a multicultural Force and  
on this we insist.  
We represent freedom, we love this great land, come on with us Canada ... let's  
join our hands ...*



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