

When they went back to the house, Reuben was sitting in the porch. The Elder took his hand and said:

"Mr. Miller, I meant to have asked you first; but God didn't give me time."

Reuben smiled.

"You've's good's asked me a good while back, Elder; an' I take it you haint ever hed much doubt what my answer'd be." Then, as Draxy knelt down by his chair and laid her head on his shoulder, he added more solemnly—

"But I'd jest like to say once to ye, Elder, that if I ever get to heaven, I wouldn't ask anythin' more o' the Lord than to let me see Draxy 'n' you a comin' in together, an' lookin' as you looked jest now when ye come in't that gate!"

CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM.*

CANADA, Canada, pride of the North !
Thrice honoured Canada, gem of the Earth !
Freemen and Brothers, we
Pledge heart and hand to thee,
Canada, Canada, land of our birth !

God of all power and grace smile on our land ;
Pour Thou upon her the gifts of Thy hand ;
Long may her people be
Loyal and brave and free,
And for the Right and Thee valiantly stand.

Be our defence in each threatening hour ;
Shield us from pestilence, famine, and war ;
Treason confound, and when
Justly we strive with men,
God of our Fathers, then for us declare !

Give to each toiling hand constant increase ;
Rich be our land with the fruitage of peace ;
Send us good laws, and bless
Pulpit and school and press,
That truth and righteousness never may cease.

Long may thy glory on Britain be seen,
Long live Victoria, Britain's great Queen ;
"Send her victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us, God save the Queen !"

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