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| Shane’s poem by Shane KoyczanIt’s just the ocean 1Until you’re pulling your dinner out of itUntil you see firsthand everything that lives in itUntil you feel the push and pull of a thing so vast It is untameable 5It’s just a tree until you see you see someone release the art trapped inside itUntil you need shade from the sun or reprieve from the rain 10Until the night steals the warmth in your bloodAnd a cedar sacrifices its own flesh to give you fireIt’s just a mountainUntil you’re standing at the bottom of itFace to face with it 15Until you take your first step to the top of itUntil you reach the summit and stand eye level with the setting sunIt’s just the skyUntil the stars poke holes in the darkness 20Until the wind pushes its howl through the open air with a wildness so blatantIt sounds like a song you must dance toAnd it all looks so tameUntil you’re there 25Surrounded by no-oneUntil water, earth, fire and air rewind you to a time you once knewUntil the world feels massive againUntil it’s just you 30<http://www.wildwithin.ca/artist-stories/walking-through-words>Define Canada- Shane Koyczan"Define Canada 1You might say the home of the RocketOr The Great OneWho inspired little No. 9s and little No. 99sBut we're more than just hockey and fishing lines 5Off of the rocky coast of the MaritimesAnd some say what defines usIs something as simple as 'please' and 'thank you'And as for 'you’re welcome,' well, we say that, tooBut we are more than genteel or civilized 10We are an idea in the process of being realizedWe are young, we are cultures strung together thenwoven into a tapestry  | And the design is what makes us more than the sum totals of our history 15We are an experiment going right for a changeWith influences that range from A to ZedAnd yes, we say 'Zed' instead of 'Zee'We are the brightness of Chinatown and the laughter of Little Italy 20We dream so big that there are thoseWho would call our ambition an industryBecause we are vineyards of good year after good yearWe reforest what we clear 25Because we believe in generations beyond our ownKnowing now that so many of usHave grown past what we used to beWe can stand here todayFilled with all the hope people have 30When they say things like 'someday'Because we are moreThan a laundry list of things to do and places to seeMore than hills to skiOr countryside ponds to skate 35We are the abandoned hesitation of all those who can't waitWe are first-rate greasy spoon diners and healthy living cafesA country that is all the ways you choose to live 40A nation that can give you varietyBecause we are choicesWe are millions upon millions of voicesShouting, keep exploringWe are more 45We are the surprise the world has in store for you, it's trueCanada is the 'what' in 'what's new'So don't let your luggage define your travelsEach life unravels differentlyAnd experiences are what make up 50The colours of our tapestryWe are the true NorthStrong and freeAnd what's moreIs that we didn't just say it 55We made it be"<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBmI00trLLU> |