

Abundance

"I have known you in your streams and rivers where your fish flashed and danced in the sun, where the waters said 'come, come and eat of my abundance.'"

The state or condition of having a large quantity of something; plentifulness.

Centenary

"Oh Canada, how can I celebrate with you this centenary, this hundred years?"

The hundredth anniversary of a significant event.

Confederation

"A Lament for Confederation"

A historical event in 1867 when various British colonies joined together to form Canada.

Custom

"The white man's strange customs, which I could not understand, pressed down upon me until I could no longer breathe."

A way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time.

Dominate

"Let me again, as in the days of old, dominate my environment."

Have a commanding influence on; exercise control over.

Humble

"Let me humbly accept this new culture and through it rise up and go on."

Not thinking of yourself as better than other people.

Lament

"A Lament for Confederation"

A passionate expression of grief or sorrow.

Reserve

"Shall I thank you for the reserves that are left to me of my beautiful forests?"

An area of land set aside, especially (in the US and Canada) for American or Canadian Indians.

Roam

“And my spirit, like the winds, once roamed your good lands.”

Move about or travel aimlessly or unsystematically, especially over a wide area.

Spirit

“And my spirit, like the winds, once roamed your good lands.”

The nonphysical part of a person which is the seat of emotions and character; the soul.