

Ode to Newfoundland (1902)

*Lyrics by Sir Cavendish Boyle
Music by Sir Hubert Parry.*

*When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills
And Summer spreads her hand
When silvern voices tune thy rills
We love thee smiling land
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee smiling land.*

*When spreads thy cloak of shimmering white,
At winter's stern command,
Thro' shortened day, and starlit night,
We love thee, frozen land.
We love thee, we love thee
We love thee, frozen land.*

*When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore,
And wild waves lash thy strand,
Thro' spindrift swirl, and tempest roar,
We love thee windswept land.
We love thee, we love thee
We love thee windswept land.*

*As loved our fathers, so we love
Where once they stood we stand
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above
God guard thee Newfoundland
God guard thee, God guard thee
God guard thee Newfoundland.*

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O Canada!

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada!
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land
Glorious and free!*

*O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.*

The Royal Canadian Legion US Branch 25 San Francisco Bay Area

Commemoration Day Virtual Service

Saturday, 01 July 2023 – 8:00 am



**Under the direction of
President Michael Barbour**

We wish to thank all of the members of US Branch #25 of the Royal Canadian Legion, as well as members of our U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps – Arkansas Division, and all of those who provided the individual videos that made up this service.

Order of Service

The Little Blue Forget-Me-Not (2018)

by Bud Davidge

*Better than the best from the beginning,
Since eighteen-twelve with Isaac Brock,
Long before the graves were red with poppies,
They wore the blue forget-me-not.*

*Graveyards full of heroes fallen,
And stones that bear no soldiers' names,
Whose souls to heaven long departed,
Their praises sung at Menin's Gate.*

*Where the words of John McCrea still echo,
In Passchendaele where their blood ran deep,
They had gunfire o'er the fields of Flanders,
They died in droves 'round the town of Ypres.*

*Forget-me-not, wee flower of beauty,
Your royal symbol proudly stands,
blue as the loyal men that wore them,
Far from their homes in Newfoundland.*

*On Hamel's grass the sheep are grazing,
Where trenches overgrown now lie,
In stillness 'round the Tree of Danger,
In France's blue and cloudless sky.*

*Where the Caribou stands ever watchful,
Or Vimy where our young men fought,
In memory of those valiant comrades,
Who wore the blue forget-me-not.*

*Now, days on end, alone they slumber,
In Hamel, Monchy, and the Somme,
Beneath the flowers and the small birds singing,
Rest with their blue forget-me-not.*

*Forget-me-not, blue tiny blossom,
Grows wild where loyalty is wrought;
Undaunted by Atlantic fury,
Bred like the blue forget-me-not.*

*Forget-me-not, blue tiny blossom,
Long may you grow on soldiers' graves;
And with the scarlet of the poppy,
Remind us of the loyal and brave,
Lest we forget the price they paid.*

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome - Michael Barbour, President

Ode to Newfoundland

Dr. Neil Bose, President and Vice-Chancellor *pro tempore* of Memorial University

Captain Chris Miller, CD, Director of Music for the Royal Newfoundland Regiment Band

Into the Arms of Home – Alan Doyle and the Royal Newfoundland Regiment Band

Hon. Dr. Andrew Furey, Premier, Newfoundland and Labrador

Little Blue Forget-Me-Not – U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Arkansas Division

Act of Remembrance – Ron Davidson, Commander, International Western US Zone

“They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”

Response from all: **“We will Remember Them.”**

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs

Sing You Home – The Ennis Sisters

Closing Prayer – Dennis Edmondson, Vice President

“Today we remember and pay our respects to those comrades whose death we mourn, but whose spirit still lives. May we strive to promote unity and the spirit of comradeship, never forgetting the solemn obligation we have assumed as members of the Royal Canadian Legion and remembering them, may we ever pray. ‘Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest We Forget’.”

Response from all: **“Lest We Forget.”**

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End of Service