

CANADIAN SOLDIER

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*Do not cry for me,
For I am a Canadian soldier.
Guardian of "The True, North, strong and free",
Ambassador of the "Red Maple Leaf".*

*I know that, what I had of freedom,
All I used or knew,
Is what our father's
Fought for us long ago.*

*I did not give
That freedom away or,
Have someone take it away
By force or law.*

*You hold in your hands
The most precious of gifts.
Freedom to love and express art.
Freedom to be who you want to be.*

*Freedom is a package deal.
With it comes responsibilities and consequences.
The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.
Do not make our sacrifice, one in vain.*

*I join God knowing,
I fought for my fellow man's freedom.
My duty complete,
Yours to carry on in memory.*

*For now my mother is crying,
And criticism of our mission arises.
Question not, but always remember,
For I am a Canadian soldier.*