

A change to our National Anthem

A change to our National Anthem, passed by the Parliament of Canada June 15th 2016.

The Senate approved the change January 31st 2018, Royal Assent granted February 7th 2018, making the change official.

Current version:

O Canada
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all **thy sons** command...

New (gender neutral) wording:

O Canada
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all **of us command...**

To allay the current controversy

Robert Stanley Weir's original lyric was, in fact, gender-neutral.

The original lyric to the 1908 version of **O Canada** was
“Thou dost in us command.”

Was changed in 1914 to

“All Thy Sons command”

Certainly the change made was to make the words flow more naturally and smoothly and easier to remember.