

# National Anthems Online

## CANADA: O Canada

National Day: 1st July

Before 1980, the official national anthem of Canada was *God Save the Queen* but *O Canada* has long been a popular national song, especially among the French-Canadian population. It was adopted as Canada's national anthem in 1980. Calixa Lavallée was a native of Quebec who was a successful concert pianist and music teacher. He became director of the Grand Opera House in New York in 1874 but eventually retired to Boston. The music was composed in 1880 and was originally a hymn of honour to St. John the Baptist.

Calixa Lavallée (1842-1891)

Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick

♩ = 100

In Eb, Bb.

*p*

14

*p*  $\text{cresc.}$  *f* *mf* *cresc.* *f*

25

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