

On The Future of Canada

We mustn't view pillars as more than what they
Really are: Milestones. They're not anything
Final. They're not the conclusion. A way
Forward, a direction, is all. It's the same thing

For us--Canada--Canadians. What
We've built--founded--so far is just a start:
The Constitution is just blueprint-Thought;
Parliament is just a wide-open heart.

Our future is whatever we dream. Yet,
Stats show we'll look more and more a rainbow,
As Quebecois weds a love from Tibet,
And an Ethiopian marries a Sioux.

We'll have two Official Languages still--
Or four (adding Indigenous perhaps);
And Telecommunications sure will
Prove our strength, lest our Babel Tower collapse.

Canada's future is to be freer
Of all Prejudice and, thus, free of Fear.

-- George Elliott Clarke
7th Parliamentary Poet Laureate (2016-17)