

## Order of Nova Scotia

Who's in the Order of Nova Scotia?  
Those for whom Joy is impulse--full quota;  
Those for whom principles are principal.  
Their Enthusiasm's invincible.

They are stalwarts for Progress--volcanic  
As outbursts of light, and never panic  
When troubles seem to demand surrender,  
But deem Public Service their fierce tender.

Their births may be humble, but Excellence  
Is their maturity. These citizens  
Are never paralyzed, but pivotal--  
As activists, plus inspirational.

They face daily rigours, but never show  
Tedium. Executive, each hero  
Defines Leadership as Advocacy--  
Plus Consultation. (See *Democracy*.)

Nova Scotia Order Nova Scotians  
Do not seek Honour Rolls or promotions,  
Honorary Doctorates or Who's Who  
Listings, but are precisely what they do.

They back Human Rights, Civil Liberties,  
Chambers of Commerce that back charities.  
They prize business; plus labour for beliefs;  
Act as Chairs, Consultants, Councillors, Chiefs.

Innovators, lauding Technology,  
Their Pedagogy's like Theology--  
Or maybe Athleticism or Art.  
(A Commonwealth evolves from a Trade Mart.)

Who's in the Order of Nova Scotia?  
Those whose Joy exceeds measure or quota,  
For they are disciples of principles  
Rendering citizens invincibles.

--George Elliott Clarke  
7<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Poet Laureate (2016-17)