CANADA'S SORROWS c Alix Babiak March 20, 2025

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OVERTURE

(Lights Go Up Downstage Centre to Belinda Kar)

Belinda:

Two Neighbours and
So Called Friends
Looks Like We Are
Going to make Amends
The Tariff War
The War Machine to the South and
The Leader With the Big Mouth
At Least This Leader says the U.S.A.
Will Protect Canada Militarily
Yet will That Leader Starve Us and
Take All Our Jobs Away?

It's a Whirlwind This Life You Know Sometimes High, Sometimes Low Walking in a Circle Trying to Find a Path Having Ecstatic Dreams Facing Reality Shown a Life Like That

A Friend Stabbed It's
Neighbour In the Back
Relations that were integrated and Friendly
Will Never Be the Same
The Trust is Gone
Now Independence for Canada
Is a Necessity
To Stand on Our Own Two Feet
Never Admit Defeat

Chorus

The Problem that Has Been Arising
Is Separation of the Provinces
Which Could Lead to Canada's End
We have to Stand Together Now Canadians
More than Ever
A Strong Message We should Send
That Canada is Not for Sale and We
Will Not Become the 51st State.

Chorus

Scene 1

(Spotlight goes Up on Belinda Kar sitting at a Desk Writing Downstage Centre) Belinda:

I had lunch with Nick and Josephine in Niverville today and left close to tears. Nick is saying that Trump is pure entertainment and wouldn't mind if Canada became the 51st State. Josephine is a Trump Supporter and event the Server was a Trump Supporter. This is Canada! The brain-washing of Trump's propaganda campaign has taken over, here in Canada too. What happened to Canadian Nationalism, The Canadian Identity? Long and the Short, the Canadian Media, thank goodness, is supporting that.

We need Frontenac, We need Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau. We still have Jean Cretien. We've lost Quebec, We might lose Alberta and yes, we might lose our country.

I could see it all happening with decentralization of power to the Provinces, with the FLQ Crisis (they got away with it all), The Insurrection of the Trucker's Union, The Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party aligning themselves with Ted Cruz. Then there was Tucker Carlson. He even went to Russia to complain about Canada. Great, the passage of the Meech Lake Accord . . . Then the Lame Duck Government and the fall of the Liberal Party. Really, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took the fall and Prime Minister Mark Carney built up the Party. Seems Mark Carney is the best to deal with Trump. I just keep telling myself status quo . . . just go along as normal. I'm lucky, I'm self-employed and I will not lose my job as so many people have.

(lights go up and Song Moody Manitoba Morning start to play. Lights go up on Pictures of the Prairies and a soft light)

Scene 2

(Spotlight goes up on Belinda downstage centre looking at the Video. Peace Train by Cat Stevens plays with Video of Via Rail Train Travelling Across Canada) (At end of Video Belinda Turns Around a speak to the audience) Belinda:

In Canada we have free dental for seniors, drug plans, low-income housing, places to go and get free food, free medicare and not like the States, a person who is ill or disabled has all the resources to get better and back on their feet. We have our consititution and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and strict gun laws. There still are not enough police officers and jails. We do not have the death penalty yet our justice is really hard on the criminal. They have to face society once their jail term is up and get back on their feet. Canada has the most beautiful landscape from coast to coast. Resources and Clean Water are abundant. We have the brightest minds. Sure there is David Suzuki and Mark Carney to name a few. We have the best schools. Form Osgood Hall to the University of British Columbia.

Are we really willing to give up this beautiful country to that military might South of the Border. Are we going to go down fighting? Mark Carney and President Trump stopped that . . . But how long can it be stopped? In the end, a number of us Canadians will always have Canada in Our Hearts.

(lights go down)
Belinda:

When Everyone has a full stomach
When Everyone has a Home
When Everyone has something to do
When Everyone has Peace
Just Goes Along Status Quo
Everything will Work Out
The Neighbours can live side by side

Be Happy and Have Peace of Mind

Canada's Sorrows
Will be Left Behind in the Past
All Our Tomorrows
Will be Plentiful and Great
The kindness, the thoughtfulness
The Helping Hand of the Canadian identity
Will Last for Eternity

This Land is Our Land From P.E.I. to Long Beach Sing it out Everyone!