

Diverse By Design

What we are building, what we've been building,
Is a stained-glass igloo, where all colours
Shimmer, lighting the spectrum, including
Supple accents--hints, tints--that are all ours.

"Mosaic," "Kaleidoscope," these vivid nouns,
Also picture us, warm, snuggled in our quilt,
Where we breathing inukshuks love beyond bounds,
And in our gilded children see no guilt.

That's our Canada, this dazzling nation--
A welcoming shelter, farm and city.
Our rainbow igloo radiates *Elation*:
Priceless dream--our gleaming *Diversity*.

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