

I Like Canada

I want to live in a building with Sesame Street steps.
I bet happiness is attainable with a Muppet trespassing on your property
and Luis selling rolling paper down at Mr. Hooper's Store.

Say, remember when Mr. Hooper died?
They talked about it on the show. I was 3.
Luis & Maria, Susan & Gordon, Bob...

...what if they all die in the same season?
How will this affect our children?

Now that I'm an adult, I wonder about things like
if Muppets cause a neighbourhood to gentrify
to the point where Bert and Ernie can't afford rent.

Either way, NYC is too expensive.

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There's space here for my thoughts.

Chris Hadfield is on CBC Radio
and for a moment, I love Canada.

"Tears don't flow the same in space," Capt. Hadfield says
then maneuvers his floating guitar to sing a duet
with Barenaked Ladies down on Earth.

I am a patriot.

I drip earthling tears like maple sap
that gravity collects in its bucket.

I flip proudly through the Group of Seven on my iPhone
and make a mental note to eat more poutine.

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but in Canada.

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