

*White-throated Sparrow*

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Full-throated summer and notes of true  
patriot longing permeate the cool

mornings and breezeless afternoons — *O*  
*Sweet Canada Canada Canada.*

Your anthem, our anthem, braided  
from rivers and trees covering this land,

strong and free. Peacekeepers, returned  
from winter deployment to rejoin the flock —

inspire us from coast to coast to coast  
with your eloquence: to speak truth

and reconcile our past; to welcome  
newcomers, migrating birds of all stripe;

to forever stand on guard; to keep  
the melody in all our glowing hearts.