

Rebirth; Forgive Us Our Trespasses

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For to-morrow can only fulfil

Dreams which to-day have birth[.]

-Bliss Carman, A Creature Catechism

Let's use hindsight to time travel back for
Fredericton's inception. City of tomorrow,
once Church of England claims skyline. Can
settler citizens acknowledge land can only
"belong" to all? Might fur trader and Loyalist DNA fulfill
promises of equity on both Wolastoq banks? Dreams
of parity among cultures on fertile territory which
we all share, call home—remain dreams today.
With 175 years of hindsight, these hopes have
to be reality. No more trespass. Collaborative birth.