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| Shane’s poem  by Shane Koyczan  It’s just the ocean 1  Until you’re pulling your dinner out of it  Until you see firsthand everything that lives in it  Until you feel the push and pull of a thing so vast  It is untameable 5  It’s just a tree  until you see you see someone release the art trapped inside it  Until you need shade from the sun  or reprieve from the rain 10  Until the night steals the warmth in your blood  And a cedar sacrifices its own flesh to give you fire  It’s just a mountain  Until you’re standing at the bottom of it  Face to face with it 15  Until you take your first step to the top of it  Until you reach the summit and stand eye level with the setting sun  It’s just the sky  Until the stars poke holes in the darkness 20  Until the wind pushes its howl through the open air with a wildness so blatant  It sounds like a song you must dance to  And it all looks so tame  Until you’re there 25  Surrounded by no-one  Until water, earth, fire and air rewind you to a time you once knew  Until the world feels massive again  Until it’s just you 30  <http://www.wildwithin.ca/artist-stories/walking-through-words>  Define Canada- Shane Koyczan  "Define Canada 1  You might say the home of the Rocket  Or The Great One  Who inspired little No. 9s and little No. 99s  But we're more than just hockey and fishing lines 5  Off of the rocky coast of the Maritimes  And some say what defines us  Is something as simple as 'please' and 'thank you'  And as for 'you’re welcome,' well, we say that, too  But we are more than genteel or civilized 10  We are an idea in the process of being realized  We are young, we are cultures strung together then  woven into a tapestry | And the design is what makes us more than the sum totals of our history 15  We are an experiment going right for a change  With influences that range from A to Zed  And yes, we say 'Zed' instead of 'Zee'  We are the brightness of Chinatown and the laughter of Little Italy 20  We dream so big that there are those  Who would call our ambition an industry  Because we are vineyards  of good year after good year  We reforest what we clear 25  Because we believe in generations beyond our own  Knowing now that so many of us  Have grown past what we used to be  We can stand here today  Filled with all the hope people have 30  When they say things like 'someday'  Because we are more  Than a laundry list of things to do and places to see  More than hills to ski  Or countryside ponds to skate 35  We are the abandoned hesitation  of all those who can't wait  We are first-rate greasy spoon diners  and healthy living cafes  A country that is all the ways you choose to live 40  A nation that can give you variety  Because we are choices  We are millions upon millions of voices  Shouting, keep exploring  We are more 45  We are the surprise the world has in store for you, it's true  Canada is the 'what' in 'what's new'  So don't let your luggage define your travels  Each life unravels differently  And experiences are what make up 50  The colours of our tapestry  We are the true North  Strong and free  And what's more  Is that we didn't just say it 55  We made it be"  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBmI00trLLU> |