

Theme for Canadian Shield 2020 – “Growing the Connections”

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We live in a vast region, known for its rocks and trees;
a landscape that's majestic with wildlife that roams free.
We must be caring partners with all that is at hand,
through animals and flora, we're shown God's precious land.

First peoples have been stewards of all that we can see,
from shorelines of our Great Lakes, to rivers, streams and trees.
This land, for them, is sacred, for us a promise, too;
We must take care of God's earth for Gitchi Manitou.

In times gone by, the prophets were called by God to find
God's spirit in our living, God's truth for human kind.
No matter what once happened, no matter what was said,
they openly asserted by faith we shall be fed.

Christ's message we now follow, and live by love, not fear;
we lift up common values, we seek communion here.
As followers of Jesus, with gen'rous hearts we give,
and seek a loving purpose with all with whom we live.

So now's the time to welcome each one we seek to teach,
inclusive in our witness, and humbly we shall preach
a gospel that enlivens, a truth that guides our way;
through God we are connected, now treasure each new day.

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