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Dedicated to the Sons and Daughters of Canada.

YOUNG CANADA WAS THERE

An illustration of a line of soldiers marching from left to right. They are wearing helmets and carrying rifles. The lead soldier is in the foreground, and the line recedes into the background. There are some decorative elements like a starburst on the left and a small figure on the right.

SONG

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VOICE.

1. When Free-dom's bu-gle called "To arms," From far South Af-ric's

PIANO.

shore, The Brit-ish Li-on roused from sleep, Sent up his bat-tle-

roar; His cubs re-spon-sive to the call, Sprang forth to do and

dare When round the Un-ion Jack, they stood, Young Can-a-da was there.

Chorus.

Hur - rah! hur-rah! The Ma-ple Leaf we'll ev - er proud-ly wear,

Rally - ing round the Un - ion Jack, Young Ca - na - da was there.

2.

Up, up the Kopje's frowning height
 With fearless hearts they go,
 Through hissing shot and bursting shell
 To charge the hidden foe;
 With bay'nets fixed— a British cheer,
 That rends the sulph'rous air,
 The charge is made— the victory won,
 Young Canada was there.

Chorus.— Hurrah! hurrah! The Maple Leaf etc.

3.

Stand by the Modder's blood-stained banks,
 With reverential mien,
 There fell the bravest of the brave,
 'Mong "Soldiers of the Queen";
 Oh! to their mem'ry drop a tear,
 With bowed head and bare;
 Among Britannia's hero-dead,
 Young Canada lies there!

Chorus.— Hurrah! hurrah! The Maple Leaf etc.

4.

Go, ask the hard won battle field,
 Where heroes fought and fell,
 Where Cronje's Boers by British pluck
 Were backward hurled pell-mell,
 Whose valiant deeds and iron nerve
 Deserve the palm to bear?
 The answer comes with ringing cheers,
 "Young Canada was there!"
Chorus.— Hurrah! hurrah! The Maple Leaf etc.

The last Chorus to be repeated.

By reading the accidental sharps as naturals the song can be sung in the slightly lower key of "Ab."