The Netherlands, a world at war Across the sea on foreign shore In Canada new hope is born While Holland's heart was ripped and torn

In January '43 A royal birth of liberty Peace Tower bells resound on high From mother's arms her newborn's cry

In Ottawa a bloom so sweet Dear little baby girl Margriet Though princess of the Netherlands A maple leaf she holds in hands

The Nazis with machine guns sneered While Dutch resistance danced and cheered A beacon thru the darkest nights The infant sleeps to northern lights

O Amsterdam, new hope at last The winds of war are changing fast For now the news brings tidings glad The Nazis crushed in Stalingrad

Margriet (OUR PRINCESS LAUGHED)

On hands and knees she took to crawl As Hitler's Reich began to fall And when she stood upon her feet The Nazis broke to full retreat

Then as she stepped and learned to walk In Rotterdam sprang hopeful talk Our barefoot princess, toes in sand On Juno Beach her heroes land

And as she jumped and ran with glee
A mighty rescue, glorious, free
From Canada came soldiers brave
Their glowing hearts thru Holland save

With joy she smiled up to the sky A Canadian twinkle in her eye Held maple leaf in little hands For liberation, Netherlands

From mouth of child the truth revealed To break war's curse that darkness sealed The great are born for destined paths From Canada, our princess laughed by Garth Paul Ukrainetz, Poet of the Blackmud Creek