

## **Petition to The Queen**

Your Majesty, I'm writing in this your Jubilee Year  
To tell you of the plight of British pensioners living here  
In Canada, our new home, a Commonwealth nation  
Where our treatment by the UK causes great frustration  
While living in Britain we paid National Insurance for  
our welfare  
But when we left, we were cut off from our fair share  
Five hundred thousand Commonwealth pensioners  
suffer this plight  
Neither is this just – nor is this right  
When another half-million living elsewhere overseas  
Have no difficulty receiving their pensions with ease  
Veterans who fought in World War Two live in poverty  
Because Britain denies Commonwealth-wide pension  
parity  
Our pensions are frozen from the day we make our  
claim  
And Your Majesty's Government is solely to blame  
This we believe is a case of unjust discrimination  
And does nothing but sully Britain's fairness reputation  
Therefore, Your Majesty, I respectfully ask with no fuss  
That you take up our cause and speak out for all of us

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