

The Metis National Anthem
COMPOSED AT THE BATTLE OF SEVEN OAKS, 1815

THE SONG OF PIERRE FALCON

Oh, people do you wish to listen
To a song that tells a true story?
How on June 19 a band of brave Metis
Advanced like brave warriors towards the English?
When we met two of our men yelled a warning:
"There are the English who wish to attack us."
We stopped immediately and like honourable men
Sent a messenger saying:
"Englishmen stop for a moment we want to talk to you!"
The English leader, like madman, ordered his soldiers to fire.
The first shot came from English pistols -- they missed the messenger.
We shot the English captain first, then killed nearly all his army,
Only four or five escaped.
Do you know who wrote this song?

It is Pierre Falcon the poet of Red River!

Source: Pierre Falcon, <http://www.abo-peoples.org/Features/Declaration/decapd.html>
(The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples).