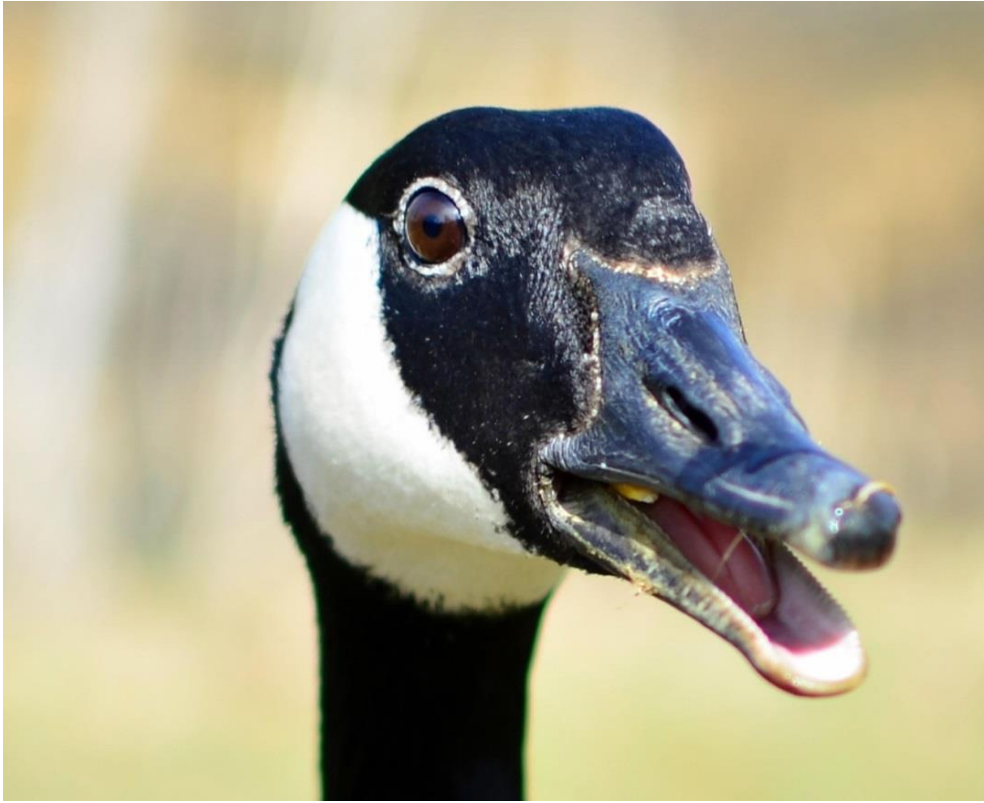


# *Walter*

## *the Canada Goose*

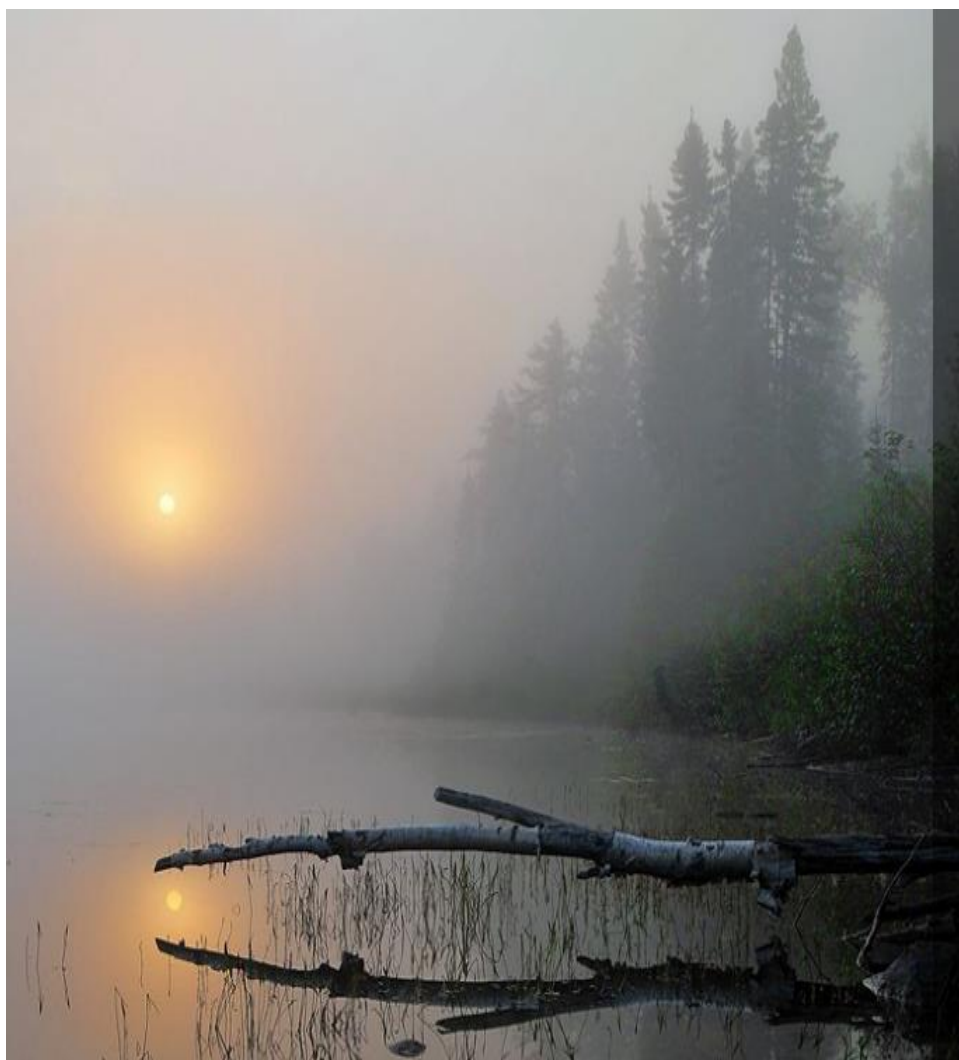


Based on a true story.  
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*Do you believe that Dreams can come true? I do.*

*I dreamt of becoming friends with a Canada goose last winter.*



*I woke up early one Spring morning to look for a goose that I hoped would become my new friend.*



*I was so happy when a flock of  
Canada Geese landed on  
our lake...*



***A special goose, who looked at me like a friend, started peacefully eating in front of the lodge.***



*That happy moment was rudely disturbed by the cry of a Bald Eagle, a cry which sent shivers down my spine.*



***I was shocked when a Bald Eagle went to grasp my new friend in its talons!***



*The Eagle carried off my new friend. To save my friend I threw a stick, hoping to scare the Eagle into dropping him.*





***I missed, but scared the Eagle so much that they both fell into the lake. I was totally surprised when the Goose then tried to drown the Eagle!***



***The lucky Eagle was able to make a get-away, but his wet feathers made him look very silly.***



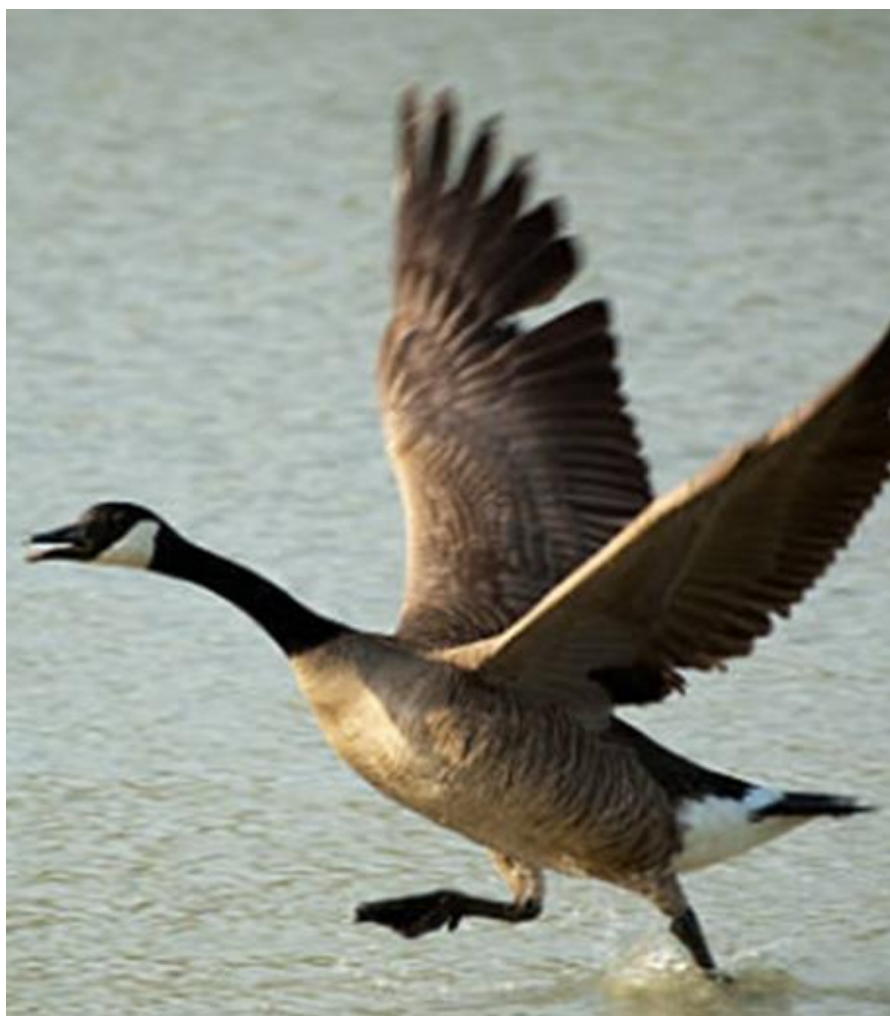
***Sadly, the Goose's wing was broken in the fight, so I called my neighbour who was an animal Doctor. With a splint in his wing he could heal. He came to trust me and we became friends.***



*He spent the summer healing at our fishing lodge. He also became friends with one special guest at the lodge...*



*whose name was **WALTER**.  
The goose followed Walter  
everywhere – that is when we  
started calling the goose **WALTER***



***Autumn came.***

***When Walter heard a flock of geese  
he tried to join it, but his injured wing  
slowed him down so much that ...***



*He could not catch up with any of the high flying flocks.*

*Poor Walter.*

*This happened for many days and every time he moped in a very strange way...*



*Each time he put his head  
under his body for hours.  
He was SO sad!*

*Poor Walter.*

*This happened day after day.  
This made me very sad too.*





***However, with each try he grew stronger. Finally he joined a flock and flew south for the winter. Hurray!***



***The following Spring Walter arrived back at the Lodge with Mrs. Goose: soon there were 'surprises' on the way...***



***Their babies were SO cute.***



*I was especially fond of  
Walter Jr.*



***We became one happy family  
and went for walks together.***



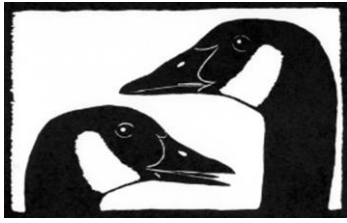
***Sadly, when the cold returned  
Walter's family had to fly south  
for the winter.***

***We look forward to a happy  
reunion next year.***

**HONK !**



***Good-bye Walter!***



### *A little about Walter*

*This is a true story. I met Walter while swimming on a beautiful day in September at a Fishing Lodge north of Elliot Lake, Ontario. I was surprised when a lonely Canada goose honked loudly at me and I asked the fishing lodge owner about it. He proceeded to tell me this colourful story. I STRONGLY recommend you visit northern Ontario as it is an uncrowded and beautiful part of the world that has not yet been "Disneyfied" and whose people are as authentic and friendly as Walter.*

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### *A little about Canada Geese*

*They are the largest (and cutest!) wild geese in the WORLD who now number in the millions, although they were almost hunted to extinction 100 years ago. They mate for life, live up to 20 years old, and their babies, called goslings, will believe that whoever they first see to be their mother, be it a dog or a person! One of their favourite places to lay eggs is on the top of a beaver lodge. They fly together by the hundreds in their famous V formations which is very smart as it makes it less work for them to fly. This allows them to fly at altitudes of 3000 ft (1 km) up to 1500 miles (2400 km) in ONE day! To feel safe they live on water, be it a lake, pond or river: that is why they love northern Canada, because it has so much water for them! They eat green vegetation, water plants and grain but also the occasional fish and insect. They can be very aggressive if their babies are threatened, so even if they are very cute, be careful near them! Canada Geese are smart enough to live around people and can even be pets when they are goslings.*