



The Complaints Choir concept began with two Finnish artists who were working in Birmingham, England. They pulled together the first ever Complaints Choir. Then Helsinki and Hamburg started one. *As it Happens* hosts Carol Off and Barbara Budd, who introduced the choir on the air, gathered close to eighty singers in the Glen Gould theatre in Toronto on February 21, 2007 to sing the song that was written from the hundreds of complaints sent in by CBC listeners. The composer/lyricist is Eric Robertson, who accompanies on the piano. The choir's conductor is Kelly Galbraith.

## As It Happens Canadian Complaints Choir

### VERSE 1:

I just think that you ought to know,  
Canada leaves me feeling low;  
Winter slush; people  
Who don't flush; passport  
Applications that are slow:

### *Chorus*

Why are my feet so cold - tell me why do...  
My hands feel so numb?  
I hate plastic bags; I  
Hate the word called Referendum;  
Hidden cell phone fees;  
Expensive cars that have no signal lights;  
Why can't things just be right?

### SHOUT OUTS 1

*I can't open childproof bottles!*  
*Whatever happened to being polite?*  
*Why can't people use apostrophes properly?*  
*Air Canada sucks.*

### VERSE 2:

I hate car alarms that will not quit;  
Stephen Harper's clothes that just don't fit;  
Static on my cat;  
Vomit on the mat;  
The single men who can't commit.

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**SHOUT OUTS 2**

*The other line moves faster!*  
*Everything's so hard. Can't something be easy?*  
*My boss is pathetically pedantic.*  
*Why don't people have proper escalator etiquette?*

**VERSE 3:**

Fierce dogs used as weapons of attack; why  
Can't I be as rich as Conrad Black?  
Spam, spam, spam, I'm fed  
up I am; won't someone  
Please, oh please, give me my office back?

*Chorus*

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*Chorus reprise*

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