

# James Gladstone poem

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James Gladstone was born a Cree by birth  
but became famous for working the earth.  
As a young man he wanted an education  
so he could choose his vocation.  
He worked for a while as an interpreter,  
a rancher and a postal carrier.  
He began his own farm with his son  
just five miles north from Cardston.  
He ran a 500 cattle farm on 800 acres  
and beef was produced by the makers.  
He belonged to the first Indian Association  
because he had a great education.  
He became president of the Alberta Indian Association and in Ottawa  
began a new political organization.  
He was nominated to become a Senator  
by Canada's Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.  
He fought so hard for the Aboriginal vote  
and in 2017 his picture was on a bank note.  
Sadly, he passed away in 1971,  
peace be with him as his work is done.