

## Christmas Constitutional

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I have decided to return to my habit of lightheartedly looking back at the year. (Looking back on previous years I am struck by how many issue remain the same. see – [2015](#) [2012](#) [2011](#) )

To be sung to *Walking in a Winter Wonderland*. I am the first to admit “constitutional” doesn’t quite roll of the tongue the same way.

Carbon [price rings](#)  
grinches hissing  
It’s the feds  
they’re insisting  
A policy fight  
[whose scrapping](#) tonight  
“[Paris](#)” in a constitutional hinterland

Going away is [the caribou](#)  
may it stay? as the [grouse](#) do?  
they sing a love song  
for [emergency orders](#) to come along  
species in a constitutional hinterland

In the meadow we can build a pipeline;  
then pretend [towns can](#) turn it down  
They’ll say “are you serious?”  
we’ll say “no man”  
“but the [feds can](#) run you underground”

Later on  
we’ll conspire  
cooperative federalism under fire  
to face unafraid  
the energy policy we’ve made  
pipelines in a constitutional hinterland

In the river we can [block a boat](#), man  
and [hope fish habitat](#) is still around  
we’ve been asking for [sustainable EA](#) man  
after all those old kids knocked it down.

Economy slows  
not so thrilling  
[Redwater shows](#), we're out [some shillings](#)  
we'll frolic and pray  
all this [insolvencéy](#)  
[isn't mired](#) in the constitutional hinterland.

Talkin bout a constitutional hinterland.  
Walking in a winter wonderland.

ELC winter mantra – may our snow-tracks be covered for future generations

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