

# A Beautiful Gift for Louis Riel

**NARRATOR** There is big news in the Métis community in Saskatchewan! Louis Riel is coming to help them! Madame Tourond lives on her farm in Fish Creek and Louis Riel is expecting him to stop in. She asks her daughter, Elise to present him with a gift!

**MADAME TOUROND** Elise, you are nearly 16 now and you're growing up fast! Louis Riel is coming to our house today. It's going to be your job to present him with a gift this beautiful Métis sash.

**ELISE** Oh mom, I'm too shy to do that!

**MADAME TOUROND** No you're not! You'll do a great job!

**ELISE** Well, I'll do my best, mom!

*(The sounds of cheering can be heard... and Mr. Riel comes into the house.)*

**LOUIS RIEL** Hello Madame Tourond! I'm so glad to see you again!

**MADAME TOUROND** Well hello Louis. I'm glad to see you again too!

**LOUIS RIEL** You have a great farm here Madame Tourond, you and your family.

**MADAME TOUROND** Thank you Louis. We've really worked hard to build our farm since we came west from the Red River!

**LOUIS RIEL** I'm very sorry to hear of the death of your husband, Joseph, Madame Tourond, You have my sincere sympathy!

**MADAME TOUROND** Thank you very much. I miss my husband a lot but I have a wonderful family to help me!

**LOUIS RIEL** Madame Tourond, I need your help You have seven strong young sons. We are going to work to keep our rights and our land!

**MADAME TOUROND** Yes, Louis, we are all with you! We support you 100%!

**LOUIS RIEL** Thank you very much, Madame Tourond.

*(Elise comes forward and presents Louis Riel with a Métis Sash.)*

**ELISE** Hello Mr. Riel! Welcome to the Saskatchewan! Here is a Métis sash for you.

**LOUIS RIEL** Thank you! Thank you very much! This is a real treasure!

*(All the Métis applaud and start to sing the Métis Anthem. Outside, they shoot their rifles in the air to celebrate Louis Riel's return!)*

**NARRATOR** The Métis were ready to work and fight for their freedom and their land. Listen to them singing the Métis Anthem!

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