

**The Words Of A Stethoscope**

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Though I am an object I have an origin  
I am mostly North American  
Like a human, I have a story, a hobby  
I awaken with every heartbeat I hear  
And slowly die with every second I spend soundless  
And like any human, I have my favorite person

You, hello you, I am unable to say  
The thudding of your heart pulls me closer to you  
I've heard many heartbeats but yours is irregular  
It's quite spectacular  
The sound of your heartbeat nears me and I am once again awakened

The beat of your heart enters my Flat Diaphragm  
The plastic used in its making stirs to life gram by gram  
The materials used in my plastics making are oil and coal  
Found in Alberta is oil  
Mined in Saskatchewan is coal  
Your heartbeat continues to travel through me  
Getting louder and louder  
Sparking inside me, never to cower

Your heartbeats next stop is my chest piece and stem  
Aluminum used in their construction  
Quebec and British Columbia aluminum's production

As your heartbeat travels the range of my tubing it sputters  
Then going fast like a rutter  
Latex rubber used to make my tubing  
Magnesium, sulfur, potassium, and phosphorus all used in the creating  
From British Columbia to Alberta  
From Saskatchewan to Morocco  
All precious cargo

My ear tube, made of steel  
Used to make me feel real  
Steel forged from iron  
Found in the depths of Newfoundland and Nunavut  
Let's not forget Quebec

Your heartbeat finally reaches my ear tip  
Made of silica that is mined in Ontario  
What a habitual scenario  
And with that I am whole  
You have conquered my soul

(I chose a stethoscope because my dad has a heart condition in which we need to use a stethoscope, so it is an everyday item for me.)

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