

I see you
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I see the pain in your eyes, in your movements.
I hear it in your voice, in your words.

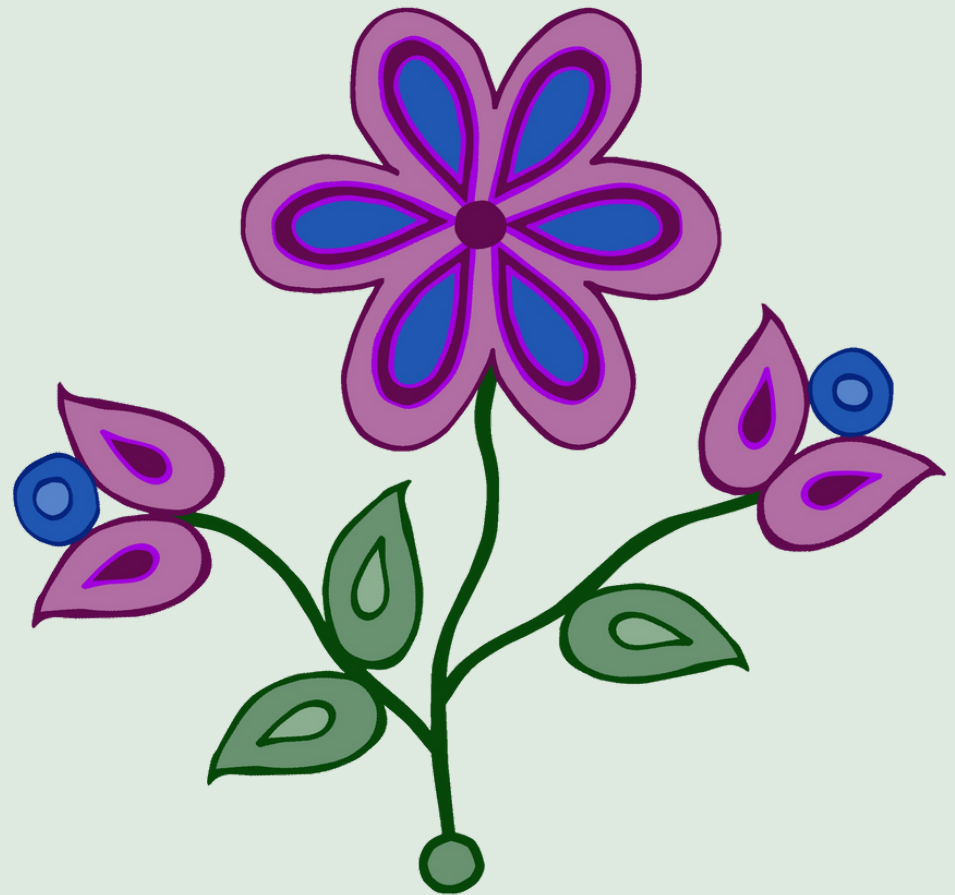
The uncertainty,
the silence,
the loss,
the grief,
the pressures from a hostile reality.
Your pain is valid.

But in your eyes, and in your movements,
I also see your strength.
I see your ability,
I see your desire for a healthier community.

In your voice, and in your words,
I hear your thirst for your language,
I hear the songs and prayers of the ancestors,
I hear your love for the community.

I will keep dancing for you,
praying for you,
fighting for you,
crafting words to help you cry and laugh,
supporting you,
cheering you,
loving you.

I will do what I can for you.
Please, do what you can for me.
Together, we can foster healing in the community.



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