

River of Tears

The Nechako River
Continues to be colonized
Controlled by corporate interests
Aluminum smelter needed more water
The river was dammed
Two weeks notice given
To the traditional people of the land
Ancestors and history
Became a sacred part of Big River
Nechako does not give up her dead
River flow controlled by a CEO
A contentious river flows
Affecting Salmon coming home
The river of tears...
Knows where the bodies are
Protecting them forever
From the cruelty of man
Big river flowed past residential schools
Little ones splashed, played, and bathed
Their tears forever a part of the flow
Murdered women discarded
In the dead of night by (in)human predators
Their tears retained, as souls escorted home
The spirit of the Nechako River
Witnessed many things
As it flowed to its destiny in Prince George
Cut banks stand as sentinels
Beneath a full moon and witnessed
The marriage of Nechako and Fraser Rivers
Became as one, to the ocean flowing
Taking with them souls, secrets and tears
Of the dispossessed!
Offering them freedom at the mouth
Of the Pacific Ocean
Only to return home renewed,
In spiritual form
Behold the Salmon
This way comes, bringing life.

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