

ASSIMILATION By Elsie "Sunflower 🌻" Morrison

Assimilation was the promise, the promise to be a part of a greater nation. That promise became the cultural genocide of our tribal nations Unable to claim our birth right for generations.

Assimilation by definition is to take in and include one as one's own Instead our ancestors suffered abuse and indignation. Forced by the hands of the greatest nation proud of its proclamations of devastation of the people who opened the shores to this destination.

Assimilation Peace for 50 years and then the annihilation of a people, stripped of our ancestral lands, our young men could be shot where they stand without hesitation; our women leaders kept us together as others thought we had disband. They continued to share tribal information with each generation, so here we stand.

Assimilation little did they know about the people who spoke their history and continued with tribal beliefs and traditions. It's been a mystery how our people survived and continue to thrive stronger today than in a long time. Every day we honor our creator and those that have passed on in a manner like no other while respecting the earth mother without interruption the drum continues on.

Assimilation. For years traditions have been passed down to our children like the rhythm of the drum keeping our heartbeat moving. We are the indigenous ones who feel the blood flowing through our veins like the rivers flow through the earth mother our heartbeats mark time for a new generation, where the first people will no longer be standing behind the ones who declared we were no longer a nation.

Assimilation. I see a future where our beliefs and intuitions will become a part of everyone's daily living. Our children will lead the way for change in the human condition. Our creator will give us the strength and wisdom to carry on his visions.

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