

the prayer song

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I am singing

to bring back
your stolen sons

whose sons and sons
and their missing bones

are unsung geese
lost in a country

across the water
ni-châpanak

I've thrown back
your names;

nâmo^yya kiyawaw
Charlotte, Sarah, Mary

you are not

e^kwa Christians *and*
nâmo^yya kiyawaw môniyaskwewak. *you are not white women*

â-haw, ni-châpanak
kayâs ochi nikâwimahk

nâtobta
my song, nikamowin

this prayer song
I am singing.

êy-hey!

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