

Indigenous knowledge - a distinct way of knowing,
Almost lost to oppression of colonization.
The call is out now,
Indigenous intellectuals, word warriors,
Listen to our Elders.
They are the Indigenous philosophers,
Keepers of the knowledge,
The link to the past, for the future.

In acquiring such knowledge,
Words will become our medicine,
Our strength,
Our responsibility.
The challenge: to use our privilege, our formal education,
To speak out,
To educate all Canadians of our ways,
Our rights,
Our sovereignty,
Our nationhood.
While they may not acknowledge,
They must come to an understanding,
Of our interpretation of the world.

*—Margaret Scott
Excerpt from the poem "Indigenous Knowledge"*