

**Where Do I Belong?**

Where do I belong?

When cut off from my ancestral home

Those familiar landscapes and terrains

Spaces rich with signs and symbols of my clan

Drums and dances evoking faceless spirits in dark forest!

Where is my identity?

When I'm divided into multiple selves

Trying to fit in the new worlds I was transported into

Those gigantic lands breathing cruel air against our race

Teaching us ways to erase remains of home left in our mindscape!

What home means to me now?

When my past never abandons my present

Fragments of memories haunt me throughout

Locating, dislocating and relocating my sense of self

Caught up in a flux of never ending quest for permanence!

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