

**ithiniw-simâkanisihkânak / Δɬσ° የԼԵՏՎՌՇՅՇ / Indian Veterans
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nithanâñ ôma kâ-kî-	σէ՛ջ՝ ՚Ն	We were the
wanikiskositotawikawayâhk	ԵՐՎԾՐՎՐՎՇՑԱԲՃ՛	forgotten
anima kâ-itwâniwik “îkâ wihekâc ta-	ԱԾԼ ԵՃԸՇԾԱՌ “ՃԵ Ճ՛Ե-	of the ‘lest we forgot.’
waniskisiyahk.”	ՀԿԾՆՊՐՎԼ՛	
nîthanâñ ôma îkâ kâ-nôkosiyâhk	ԾԷՋ՝ ՚Ն ՃԵ ԵՓՃ՛	We were the
cîpayahk iskonikanihk ohci.	ՐՎՆ ՃԾԵՑԵՌ ՚Ն	invisible
namôtha katâc takî-ohci-nitawi-	ԱԼԵ ԵՃ-	ghosts from The Rez
nôtinikiyâhk.	ԸՇԾՎԾԾՃԸՌԵՌ	
ikwa mîna ohcitaw ta-pakitinanâhk	ՃԵ ՚Ն ՌՎՑԸ ԸՆՊՈԱԼ՛	We had no obligation
nitaskihkân-akihtâsowininâna.	ԾԾՐՎԵՐՎՎՇԾԸ ՃԾԵՑԸ	to join.
nikî-nôtinikânâñ, nikî-nipinâñ,	ԾՐՎԵՌԵՑԵՌ, ԾՐՎԵՌԵՑ,	We fought, we died,
nipîkskwîwininâñ nikî-kîmôci-	ԾԼՎԵՌԵՑ	our language was
âsowihtamâkânâñ.	ԾՐՎԵՌԵՑ	used for secret
nikî-wîcikâpawîstawânânak kotakak	ԾՐՎԵՌԵՑԵՑ ԾԾԵՑԵՑ	messages.
simâkanisihkânânak kâ-kî-	ԾԾԵՑԵՑ ԵՎԵՌԵՑ	We stood side by side
paskithâkiyâhk.	ԾԾԵՑԵՑ ԵՎԵՌԵՑ	with the other soldiers
nikî-napatîwîpinikawinâñ ispî kâ-pî-	ԾՐՎԵՌԵՑ ՚Ն ՃԵ ՃԾԵՑ	in our victory.
kîwîyâhk;	ԵԼԵ ԾՐՎԵՌԵՑ ՚Ն ՃԵ ՃԾԵՑ	We were cast aside
namwâc nikî-ohci-wîcihikawinâñ	ԾԾԵՑ ԵՎԵՌԵՑ	when we came back
tâpiskôc aniki kotakak	ԾԾԵՑ ԵՎԵՌԵՑ	home;
simâkanisihkânânak.	ԾԾԵՑ ԵՎԵՌԵՑ	we didn't get the
nikwîtatî wîkinâñ athisk î-kî-	ԾԾԵՑ ԵՎԵՌԵՑ	benefits allotted other
pakitinanâhk nitaskihkân-	ԾԾԵՑ ԵՎԵՌԵՑ	veterans;
akihtâsowininâna.	ԾԾԵՑ ԵՎԵՌԵՑ	we didn't know
nithanâñ ôma kâ-kî-	ԾԷՋ՝ ՚Ն	where to live since
wanikiskositotawikawayâhk	ԵՐՎԾՐՎՐՎՇՑԱԲՃ՛	we gave up our treaty
anima kâ-itwâniwik “îkâ wihekâc ta-	ԱԾԼ ԵՃԸՇԾԱՌ “ՃԵ Ճ՛Ե-	status.
waniskisiyahk.”	ՀԿԾՆՊՐՎԼ՛	
nîthanâñ ôma îkâ kâ-nôkosiyâhk	ԾԷՋ՝ ՚Ն ՃԵ ԵՓՃ՛	We were the
cîpayahk iskonikanihk ohci.	ՐՎՆ ՃԾԵՑԵՌ ՚Ն	forgotten
	ՃԾԵՑԵՌ ՚Ն	of the ‘lest we forgot.’
	ՃԾԵՑԵՌ ՚Ն	We were the invisible
	ՃԾԵՑԵՌ ՚Ն	ghosts from The Rez.