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## Weaving Our Humanity

Acknowledge the territories,  
thank the stewards of all lands.  
Inspire...  
Aspire...  
Find those bridges.

Among us are many immigrants,  
some over 80,  
some born and raised here.  
Language, no language  
Racism, no racism.

We began on a journey. Imagine  
the fear,  
where we've come from,  
past lives past homes.  
Present.  
Place.

Why us? Why were we not Canadians?  
We began to  
imagine courage,  
our steps,  
our actions,  
our momentum.

We are here,  
connected, interconnected.  
Now,  
new word  
new world.  
We are not alone,  
each of us is a story.  
Fill in the gaps,  
skip the beats of divides,  
extend bridges between gaps,  
we are not so different from  
the sounds that surround us.

Beat  
Pulse

Beat  
Pulse  
Hold.

Beat  
Pulse

Did you feel that?

That ----  
-----of what brought us together?



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Hold.

Some faced  
challenges,  
assumptions,  
bullied.

Some felt lost,  
some limited mother tongues,  
adapted,  
stepped out of comfort zones,  
lifted eyes from cold tiles,  
survived wars,  
embarrassments,  
internments,  
and locker room moments.

We were not afraid to take  
risks. Step out.  
Inclusion works – both ways – let's go beyond  
hellos to reach out and  
find what brings us together.  
Sometimes it's as simple as  
garbage and bears and chocolate chips of the cookies of our lives.

Unwire patterns of our brains,  
unwind our biases,  
un-limit our limited perceptions,  
accept we see differences.

Are we ready to fix racism?

Let's re-shift.  
No more scars left  
on these pure clean water and lands.

Grab and weave  
the strands of  
our humanity,  
of our threads.

This is who we are.

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This is what I heard and saw at Weaving Our Humanity Event  
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