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cherry-picking traditionals
contradicting themselves constantly
white comfort over indigenous ontology

humbly, arrogant traditionals
recycling colonial hierarchy
elevating those upholding the patriarchy

pretending they are for the people
when they are for the power
don't you know this is how you kill flowers?

if every child matters, when did it become
that the voices that really matter
are the matters of bosses of tribal orgs
chief and councils and whoever else
they appoint to boards

am i the only one bored of boards?

i've returned to my homeland lands
rich with true Anishinaabe power
land, language, culture, ceremonies
so why we acting like colonial cronies

this may have become tradition
but it is not our tradition
can we just stop colonialism
and put it into remission

october 3rd
the anniversary of treaty 3
hundreds of anishinaabe families
gathered to negotiate while still free

our ancestors heeded
the wisdom of the collective
not a select few of aboriginal elite
but who cares...that's just my perspective

