

Still here, now

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In quiet moments
As I stitch

I think of the bead tourists
Those visitors from the seats
of colonial power

Who came
And saw
And purchased

Our Ancestors
The handwork of our Grandmothers
Driving the “cultural economic enterprise”
Read: keeping babies fed and Elders alive
Before, during, since the genocide of obstinacies¹ of our
more-than-human relations



¹ Obstnacy—a group of buffalo. This line refers to the genocide of the buffalo on the plains.

To be held
In the hands of my babies,
In memory of my Elders,

fed
alive
and

still here.



Now.

Biography

Danielle Lussier, Red River Métis, is mum to three young people growing up as members of the Métis diaspora. An award-winning administrator, professor, researcher, and change leader, she is a passionate advocate and community builder who believes there is room for love and humanity in ethical education.

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