

## **Pawaatamihk**

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### **A Métis Song**

Stolen memories  
Stolen hearts  
Stolen memories  
To keep us all apart

Stolen memories  
Stolen land  
Stolen memories  
Forbidden to take a stand

Chorus:  
But we're still here  
Gathering together  
Trying to make things better  
Gaining ground, gaining ground  
Gaining, gaining, gaining ground

Stolen memories  
Stolen speech  
Stolen children  
Pushing hope far out of reach

Stolen memories  
Stolen time  
Stolen memories  
Who will answer for this crime

Chorus  
But we're still here  
Gathering together

Trying to make things better  
Gaining ground, gaining ground  
Gaining, gaining, gaining ground

Never to be lost  
Always to be found  
Standing together  
Making our lives better

Working together  
Staying strong forever  
True to our spirit  
Let everyone hear it

Chorus  
But we're still here  
Gathering together  
Trying to make things better  
Gaining ground, gaining ground  
Gaining, gaining, gaining ground

Wâhkôhtowin, our guide  
Never more to hide  
Our voice has been heard  
No longer without words

Mothers and fathers  
Sisters and brothers  
It's time to reclaim  
What belongs to our name

Our ancestors are with us  
With love, pride, and trust  
Lending us their strength  
To make momentous gains

'Cause we're still here  
Gathering together  
Trying to make things better  
Gaining ground, gaining ground  
Gaining, gaining, gaining ground

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## Biography

Dana Chaulk née Sanregret is a Métis educator from Alberta. She is an Education Doctoral student, studying how to realign the current approach to educational leadership with Métis principles and *nêhiyawêwin* (Cree) guidance. She is an advocate of changing educational structures and pedagogy to reflect the needs of today's children, their families, and communities by bringing in the spirit of *wâhkôhtowin* and practices of *opikinawasowin*. Dana is a daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, niece, and aunt.

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