

National Children's Day Reflection 2023

May we all hear see and know the voice of a child,
In the time of birth, early years and beyond.

May the creator call us to be with the inner voice of a child that sits within,
Sometimes silenced,
Sometimes unheard,
Sometimes unseen.

May we hear see and know the voices that journey us all to stronger futures,
May we know, see and feel the gift of the crashing voices and the whispering
voices,
and the voices of cultural safety

A voice that is woven in belonging,
A voice that is woven in being,
A voice that is woven in connection,
A voice that is woven in cultural safety, community care,
and embraced in safety by the village with a compass of love and belonging.

May we stop and hear the kani of luwatina mana mapali

This is what I need is the voice,
This is what I needed as a child,
the adult echoes.

May we know the voices of ATSI children in the long time ago,
the now and the forever time.

Little voices to be strongly heard and held for a nation to hear,
For a nation to grow,
For a nation to know.

Strong in community,
String in language,
Community and culture,
guided by ancestors,
loved in the now,
heard in the now.

Hear, see and know
our voice today for the justice call of our voices in the forever and beyond

Milaythina calls with and for the voices abounding



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