“This quote refers to section 12(1)(b) of the Indian Act, which, previous to 1985, decreed that status Indian women automatically lost that status upon marriage to a non-Indian male, and must move from the reserve, and may not return, even if widowed or divorced. Furthermore, her children and all of their subsequent progeny lost the right to claim Indian status in perpetuity.

References


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On Writing #1

I suspect I ain’t no poet
but I write
in scraps of thoughts
on scraps of paper
when I hurt more than I can carry.

I ain’t no poet
but these words sure look organized
when I centre then so carefully on my computer’s screen.

The letters dance as I type
in straight lines, single step, across the page
they dance: pain into reality
because I can now see it on the computer screen.

Press print…

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