

of different Canadians to experience and express their cultures, families, and identities in different ways.

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<sup>1</sup>Inuit from the western Arctic call themselves Inuvialuit. Their organization, the Committee on Original People's Entitlement (COPE) preceded the founding of ITC.

<sup>2</sup>Thanks to recent developments, midwives are again able to practice. Martha Greig, formerly head of Pauktuutit, is a midwife who was instrumental in developing programs to bring traditional and western medical practice together. It was she who first told me Inuit had male midwives; her grandfather was one.

<sup>3</sup>Elise died in 1986, shortly after we had made plans to work together studying naming policies and traditions. Her life continues through names, and through the many policies and projects she initiated or inspired, in her community of Igloodik and through her national work in Pauktuutit.

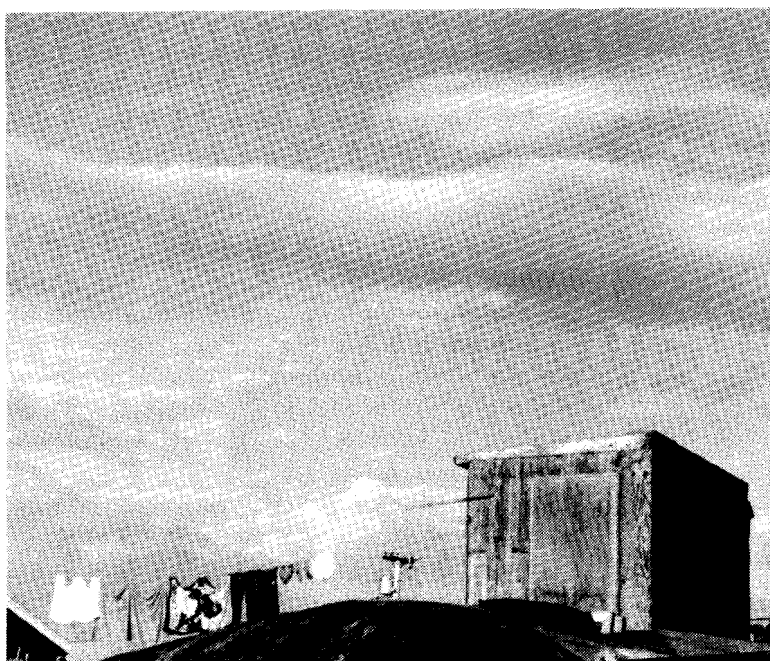
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## JOYCE MAJISKI

Skylines  
Earth's pulse  
Timeless heartbeat of the land  
I feel it  
Belly to the tundra  
Nose in wet moss  
Smelling the clean earth smell  
Hearing the flit of the pipit  
Sensing the water's trickle  
My spirit – linked to ancient ancestors  
Of wanderers  
My body – linked to ancient cycles  
Of blood red sunsets  
My limbs – linked to ancient forests  
Of long clean extensions  
The north and I – linked by memory  
Of solitude.



"Laundry," Iqaluit, NWT (Nunavut), June 1994

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