

Indigenous Kinship Systems



They ripped protectors' flesh with dogs made into a weapon our horse kin carried them to safety.

They stopped an elder's heart with oil made into a weapon our human kin's hands restarted it.

They burned protectors' skin with air made into a weapon our mineral and water kin diluted it.

They soaked and froze protectors with water made into a weapon oil kin coats and shared warmth staved it off.

They marched against protectors with humans made into a weapon our human kin bodies stood against it.

Every time they weaponize our relations, it is our relatedness that saves us. Our kin have been made their weapons, But our kin-ship will be their undoing.