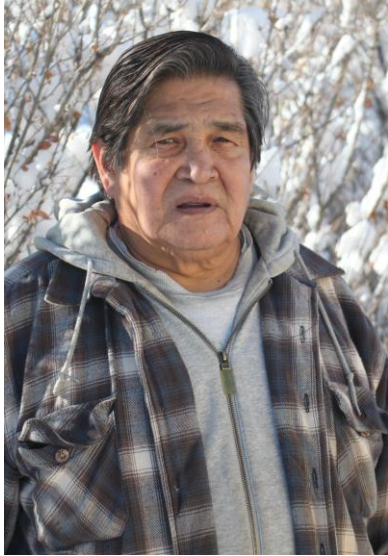


The world through the eyes of Larry Kibby

By Larry Hyslop



Larry Kibby is a local poet

The holiday season is a good time to take a different look at the world. In that vein, I offer the following two poems.

Larry Kibby is a 64 year old Wiyot American Indian from Northern California and has lived in Elko 37 years. Larry has been writing poetry and prose for some 20 years. Much of Larry's poetry revolves around the culture, traditions, beliefs, environment and land respects of the American Indian Tribes from throughout Indian Country. His poetry has been showcased on the Internet, in books and set to music.

A Sacred Notion

Lighting and thunder in the night,
Darkness awaken with flashes of light,
Rain washing the land,
While the wind lends a lively hand,
Such are the sacred ways,
That occur through the night and days,
Indian Country's commotion,
Incited by a sacred notion.

Snow painting everything white,
Making all so spirited and bright,
A whiteness of purity,
Generating a cleanness with clarity,
Such are the sacred ways,
That occur through the night and days,
Indian Country's commotion,
Incited by a sacred notion.

Earth, wind and fire,
Natures caring desire,
Sanctifying the timberland,

Blessing all of the rangeland,
Such are the sacred ways,
That occur through the night and days,
Indian Country's commotion,
Incited by a sacred notion.
Through an Ancestral emotion.

Sacred is the Life

Little child born one day,
In a ceremonial way,
To a spiritual mother
And a loyal father,
Sacred are the relations,
Who bring life within....
The Sovereign Nations.

Before an ancestral flame,
The child will be given a name,
And offerings to the four,
Sent to the universal door,
Sacred are the relations,
Who bring life within....
The Sovereign Nations.

To feel the four winds,
Wrapped in animal skins,
The child will be lifted high,
To the powers of the sky,
Sacred are the relations,
Who bring life within...
The Sovereign Nations.

The day will be of serenity,
Filled with a tranquility,
Songs will fill the air
Everything done with care,
Sacred are the relations,
Who bring life within...
The Sovereign Nations.

And it will be a joyous day,
And many will have a say,
To welcome the new creation,
The new generation,
So sacred are the relations,
Who forever bring life within....
The Sovereign Nations....
Of....
The American Indian.

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