

## **My school the earth.**

My teachers,  
The sky, the clouds, the sun, the moon.  
The trees, the bushes, the grass.  
The birds, the bears, the wolves.  
The rivers, whom I claim to be  
My mad genius.  
Once I missed a day  
Because they tried to make  
Me learn from books  
In a little room  
That was really to stuffy.  
I hope my teachers don't  
Put me on the absent list.  
I enjoy going to school  
Where the air is fresh.  
Where nothing is said and I learn  
From the sounds.  
From the things I touch,  
From all that I see.  
Joy to the world and  
I've fallen in love with my teachers...

Darrel Daniel St.

Tlingit, meaning "People of the Tides"

Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast of North America