

Dedicated to Women of the Siletz....

MORNING STAR CHILDREN
by Suzan Shown Harjo

*Morning Star radiates blessings
for Mother Earth
and all the worlds
Her brilliance is
a gift of the Spirit*

*Mabeo sent Morning Star Woman
with Corn and Squash
and Beans and Tobacco
to nourish the People
to feed the Spirit
She delighted the people
as a shining Star Child
She inspired the People
as an Enlightened Elder
She encouraged the People
as an Everyday Woman
sparkling with hope*

*Mabeo told the Cheyenne People:
"The Nation will be strong
So long as the hearts of the
women
Are not on the ground"*

*Dakota and Osage People sing a song,
and it is Wakan:
"We are not defeated
While the women are strong"*

*Messages of Creation
for all Peoples
for all Time*

*Messages in the hearts of women from
Arawak and Acoma
as they turned away from hairy
faces
and fixed their eyes on severed
hands
and fixed their eyes, and fixed
their eyes*

*Messages in the hearts of women from
Wasbita and Palo Duro Canyon
as they were stampeded and
invaded
to the sound of ponies screaming
in the sunset
to the sound of screams, to the
sound of screams*

*Messages in the hearts of women from
Bosque Redondo and the Crazy Horses
Bar
as they traded themselves for
their children
as they sold themselves for food
and drink
as they gave nothing away, as
they gave nothing away*

*Messages in the hearts of women from
Warm Springs to Siletz
as they end a century of missing
memory
as they once again dance in
emergence dresses
as they sing their lost and found
song:
"They Never Touched Me"
"They Never Touched Me"*

*Messages in the hearts of Native
Women*

*for all who are touched in unkind
ways
for all who pray to end unholy
days
for all who shelter the disheart-
ened in loving ways*

"They Never Touched You"

*"You Are Blessed By The
Morning Star Woman
And Your Heart Is Not On
The Ground"*

*"You are Blessed By The
Morning Star Woman
And The People Are Strong"*

*"You Are Blessed By The
Morning Star Woman"*

*"You Are Blessed By The
Morning Star"*

"You Are a Blessed Star Child"

"You Are Blessed"

*Thank you to Pat Darcy for sharing
that with the women of the Siletz.*

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