

I Lost My Talk

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*I lost my talk
The talk you took away.
When I was a little girl
At Shubenacadie school.*

*You snatched it away:
I speak like you
I think like you
I create like you
The scrambled ballad, about my word.*

*Two ways I talk
Both ways I say,
Your way is more powerful.*

*So gently I offer my hand and ask,
Let me find my talk
So I can teach you about me.*

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