

Indian Now

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Giving over our own power
Tweeting instead of touching
Allowing the internet into our beds
I write on scraps of paper
By hand, not insta-grammed
Poetry by popularity
Soundbites and whatever makes you famous
The attention span captured
In limited characters
Abbreviated phrases in letters
Misunderstood meanings
Dissected and rejected friendships
I am asking technology
For explanations
To teachings outside my community
Because I want to be Indian NOW
Want the right to wear moccasins
And earrings
Know their meanings
And have the ability to tell others
They can't, that's racist

I am willing to carry
The weight of paper
To share the heaviness of these words
Wait
Don't click it away
Don't click, click
Don't click it away
This is cyber-me
Contacting cyber-you
Now use the spirit of your convictions
To guide the typing
I am coming back
I am coming back to you