

Indigenous Peoples' Day Song

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CHORUS x4

One Earth, One People, One Love

CHANT

VERSE

First off let's define "indigenous"
The native people, original inhabitants
Living on every single continent
Then somebody shows up and says, "I discovered it!"
How can you discover somewhere already found?
Or take credit for a place that's already around?
Like Hernan Cortes or Hernando de Soto
Ponce de Leon or Francisco Pizarro
It all started with Christopher Columbus
Europe's obsession with Western discovering
With big dreams this wildin' Italian
Was searching for gold and the East Indies Islands
Long ago 1492
We all know the story, he sailed the ocean blue
But here's what I didn't learn in school
After landing in The Bahamas, he treated people cruel
The Tainos, a peaceful people
In Cuba, Haiti, DR, Jamaica, Puerto Rico
Even though they welcomed him with open arms
He committed genocide and unspeakable evil
I wish that's where the story ends
But colonization is a sickness it spreads
Speaking of sickness, literal diseases
Smallpox, chicken pox, and the measles
I wonder how history would change
If explorers were peaceful when they came
Learned Native customs, cultural exchange
Didn't force religion and no one was enslaved
Aztecs, Incans might have lived longer

From South America to Canadian borders
Cherokee, Sioux, Apache, and Navajo
Iroquois, Chippewa, Choctaw, Pueblo

CHANT

Bits'í' yishtłizhii daniidlí (We are the Indigenous people)
T'a'dii kwóq hwoniidló (We are still here)
K'ad kéyah nihaa nídootáát (Give us the land back now)
T'áá nihí biki dadíniit'íí' (We will take care of her)

VERSE

The list goes on. So many tribes
So many stories. So many lives
Show love to the Indigenous ones
From Ancestors to those still alive
SING!

FINAL CHORUS

One Earth, One People, One Love
People of the Earth
One Earth, One People, One Love
It's time to stand together
One Earth, One People, One Love
One Earth, One People, One Love
One Earth, One People, One Love
One Earth, One People, One Love
Time to right these wrongs
One Earth, One People, One Love
Stand together as one
One Earth, One People, One Love
One Earth, One People, One Love
My brother, my sister
One Earth, One People, One Love
My brother, my sister, my people, yea