

Change-Makers

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Pacific hearts split
like separating cells
grow and divide
fulfilling unspoken
purposes to find
itself, and home

North, South love
covers unseen expanses
flesh and land-blood
lives defined with
intelligent politics
cultural and lawful
born on the very territories
that shape civil societies

our connected oceans
carry pacific passengers
along liquid horizons
Change-Makers coming
bringing messages of collective integrity
based in respectful progress
the way it was meant to be
before immigration
written in words

young leaders
look to their elders
with split-heart questions
knowing traditions live in more
than one realm
sung in harmonies
over-lapping memories
blending and sending
positive waves washing back
three life-times away

our warm home lands
gifted to us to keep
like promises in the belly
there is no telling
how far the line goes
but we know we come
from difference
and distance travelling
on parallel paths
collective actions
tell of challenges
overcome with solidarity
and resolve
using education and technology
as tools
connecting like-minds

words resonating waves
on rocks
repeating our walk
one generation to the next

spirit makes it all possible
we carry on as proud people
spinning so much love
from one split heart