

TAKE MY LIFE

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Take my life.

But it's not yours to take,
I belong to this place.
I am bila, I am wir, I am earth.

Take my life, it belongs to them.
These veins hold the stories of a thousand generations.
A river of song, culture & pride.
Clever people, warriors. Wiradjuri.

Each breath taken is a memory.
They fought so we could speak.
Tales of Nimbo, Mudjarn, Brungle Creek.
That long held fear of travel at night,
Those mission stories from our Elders,
galvanise our fight.

For it is they to whom I belong.
Not you and your skyscraper nightmares,
ghoulish monstrosities.
It is story, it is family... it is ngurum-bang.
That hold me.

Take my life...and I am forever here.
Returned once more to the place, to my people,
who have been here for eternity.