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**KARAKIA
(Prayer)**

touch the cosmos
the source of our divinity
illuminating
the face of the ancestors
so we can see our children

woven above beside below
unite all within
our flesh and bones
and memory

the Earth is turning
humans in mass migration
turtles gather in silent preparation
the heart is injured

make dance
a movement of love
a movement of justice
the light of truth