

We Won't Forget You

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Song written, recorded and filmed with students from Sk'elep School of Excellence in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Kamloops, British Columbia

Shaya

Not long ago our people were taken
Away from their homes, our culture was fading

Tiffany

Left on our own, so many changes
The future unknown, forced into praying

Akita

Put in the dark, and left all alone
Living in fear, the shadows were cold
Some ran away, and some made it home
Our people were strong, our people were bold

Kaya

In a dark room, they were feeling punished
It's a hard truth, that we have to stomach
Gave an education but it really wasn't
Now we look ahead, we can start the drumming

Riley

Learning language through song and dance
The pain they felt, let's honour that
By being great, and keeping track
Of what elders teach, let's walk the path

Mayson

To the Shuswap Nation
The future is in our hands
It may take some patience
It is our home, it is our land

Cash

In our lifetime, we will celebrate
Who we are like everyday
There's so much knowledge in the way
We live our lives, so we're giving thanks



Chorus

Dah-eh-mehs-lep-eh-dem
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You were sitting in the dark
Now we're letting in the light

oh-Tqelt Kukpi
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Mayson

Now we feel free, dreaming and wishing
We walk on the land, hunting and fishing

Tyra

Our language is taught through drumming and singing
But it's still so sad, our people go missing

Trynity

Is there an end to all of this madness?
Finding the strength through all this sadness

Denaya

Put troubles aside, emotions we balance
By showing our voices, we got the talents

Semiah

This is the start of new life
We'll undo the wrongs and we will choose right
Our home is here and it is so bright
We see the rivers, we'll never lose sight



Tiffany

Bringing back the traditions
We sing and rap for the mission
The destination is living
And innovation for the children

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Bridge

Our school's a place we go
We feel safe and we feel better again
A home away from home
We're happy here and to be together again
You've shown there's always hope
When tough times get you down, let us begin
And walk the longest road
We are here with you, we'll never forget



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