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CREE
Highway, Tomson (Cree). Dragonfly Kites. Brothers Joe and Cody love watching dragonflies soar into the summer sky and racing after as they fly through the trees and down to the beach.


Smith, Monique Gray (Cree). You Hold Me Up / Ki Kîhcêyimin Mâna. All the wonderful ways that people can hold and support each other, like helping each other, or playing together, or singing, or cooking.

INUKTITUT
Teevee, Ningeokuluk (Inuit). Aliguq / Alego. The experiences of a young child as she and her grandmother go for a walk along the shore to gather clams for the family’s supper.

Vu riisan, Arnakuluk (Inuit). Kisimi taimaippaktut angirrarijarani / Only in my Hometown. The northern lights shine, women gather together, and everyone could be family in this ode to small-town life.

MI
Syliboy, Alan (Mi’kmaq). Kaqtukowa’tekwê / Thundermaker. Little Thunder learns the importance of responsibility as his father teaches him, and then passes on, the role of Thundermaker.

OJIBWE
Child, Brenda J. (Red Lake Ojibwe). Bowwow Powwow / Bagosenjige-niimi’idim. When Uncle and Windy Girl attend a powwow, Windy watches the dancers and listens to the singers. Later, Windy falls asleep under the stars. Uncle’s stories inspire visions in her head: a bowwow powwow, where all the dancers are dogs.

Vermette, Katherena (Métis). The Girl and the Wolf. A young girl becomes lost in the woods after wandering too far away from her mother. Scared and lost, she encounters a large wolf who reminds her of her own ability to survive and find her mother again.

Waboose, Jan Bourdeau (Ojibway). Skysisters. Two Ojibway sisters set off across the frozen north country to see the Sky Spirits’ midnight dance in the northern lights. It isn’t easy for the younger sister to be silent, but gradually she begins to treasure the stillness and the wonderful experience.

Gray Smith, Monique (Cree and Lakota). My Heart Fills With Happiness. A celebration of happiness and the things in life that bring joy.

Kalluk, Celina (Inuit). Sweetest Kulu. This bedtime poem describes the gifts given to a newborn baby by all the animals of the Arctic.

Van Camp, Richard (Tlicho Nation). Kiss by Kiss/Ocêtôwina; Little You; and We Sang You Home. Celebrating the joy babies bring into the world and the wonder new parents feel as they welcome baby into the world.

King, Thomas (Cherokee). A Coyote Solstice Tale. Wily trickster Coyote is having his friends over for a little solstice get-together in the woods when a girl comes by unexpectedly.

Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk (Sioux). The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood. Virginia and her brother are never allowed to pick first from the donation boxes at church because their father is the priest, and she is heartbroken when another girl gets the beautiful coat that she covets.