



Though I am a young adult
Or yet a child may be
I am a soul that within holds
A heart that does beat free

Free to be the side of me
That beats deeply inside
That calls on me to recognise
It's truth with knowing eyes

Truth as it had once been told
For several thousand years
To recent truths that has now seen
Some several thousand tears

Truths that must be told to me
From those who are deemed wise
And not from those who do believe
The many still told lies

For who I am is someone more
Than just the shell you see
For stories told from days of old
Shape my identity

As well as stories here and now
That help me to decide
That who I am is someone
Who deserves to feel much pride

Free from judgement, free from bias
To simply just be free
Though I am a young adult
Or yet a child may be

Right To Be Me



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*CREATE Foundation travelled across Queensland to speak with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people (with a care experience) to hear about their experiences of feeling connected to culture whilst in care. We spoke to young people aged 12-25 as part of this project, called 'First Nation Voices'. CREATE then invited these young people to come to Brisbane to take part in a workshop with Actor/Comedian Steven Oliver in April 2018. The workshop was a day of art, sharing experiences and collaborating to

come up with a declaration for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people in care. Steven Oliver gathered the responses from these amazing young people and shaped them into the declaration upon this poster. CREATE would like to thank the young people who shared, Steven Oliver, the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women as well as Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak for their important partnership in this project.