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Subject: Burnt Church
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Dear Prime Minister Chretien,

Just when Canada should be showing the global community how we in Canada have learned to share the Global Commons - the fisheries, the land, water and earth itself - recognizing Treaty Rights and honouring our Native People, the government is again embroiled in a battle. I support the Burnt Church People who have been attack and nearly drowned by government forces, and whose lobster cages have been seized. The government of Canada needs to act honourably, and rule by law not brute force. Please intervene with your Minister of Fisheries and insist on peaceful and respectful negotiate agreements.

Sincerely,
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"The old people said to live beautifully with prayers and song. Some died for beauty too."

"How do we do that, Uncle Ralph, live for beauty?"

"It's simple, Pumpkin Flower," he said. "Believe!"
excerpted from "The Warriors" by Anna Lee Walters