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Shhhh!

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Listen! Be quiet! Put bubbles in your mouth! Do not talk while I speak!
I am here as the link between the past and the present while I teach.
My sins, my transgressions, I won't tell the truth about my full history,
As I teach the lies, the distorted truth, and evil malcontents and mystery.

You see, you will only receive part of the truth, if any at all,
While I present my Anglo culture as the beginning point and yours as the fall.
Civilization, culture, class, your life intertwined with mine is all well and good,
Yet, because I must cover my ancestor's faults, this knowledge will not bring me sainthood.

My knowledge, my truth, my fears, my hopes, my dreams, all lie upon your back.
If you knew the truth of your history-and mine-would you protest or counter-attack?
My real fear is that I am afraid that all you 'restless natives' will ban together,
And realize your lives, our lives, are intertwined like the multi-hued birds of a feather.

When you read, study, and write your true history, you will soon recognize the truth:
Africa is the cradle of ALL civilization, Indigenous were in America before Columbus in 1492;
Egyptians had created Math notations before a lost Columbus stumbled into the Americas,
While the quick cash crop of tobacco created and separated the low, middle, and high
esotericas.

You will learn that slavery existed, and still exists, across every race and continent;
Yet the slavery from the souls and bodies of Black folk creates this continued malcontent.
Shhh! They say, "Do not protest – either vocally, silently, physically, or by taking a knee."
I say, "Study to show thyself approved, a workman that need not be ashamed of your own
history."

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