

Two Worlds

(music and lyrics –Scott Darlow)

When I was small, I never felt like I fit in
Never felt at home, always felt alone
Like somehow I'd been switched
So I'd pray, on my knees most every night
That I'd find a way, I'd find some peace
To somehow make things right
Now I realise the way it's gonna be
I'm gonna leave the bad and take the good with me
I'm gonna walk in two worlds that's what I'll do
Keep my dreaming strong, know I belong
With them as well as you
I'm gonna give back more than I will take
Gonna be the one that gets to carry on
All my elders gave
And when I think of the ones that went before
All the things they did, the stuff they heard, the horror that they saw
Now I know I've got a debt that I must pay
No matter who I am or where I go, I know I can't escape
It's not the way I look or the colour of my face
And it really doesn't matter what they say
It's what I am and who I'm gonna be
'Cos of what you gave I know that I am free

Synopsis

This song was inspired by a young Indigenous student Josh Hardy. Josh was murdered in an act of senseless violence in Melbourne. I had the privilege of singing at Josh's memorial, and the thing that struck me was that his family and friends talked about Josh's ability to thrive in both the Aboriginal and the non-Aboriginal communities.

It can be very easy for us as people to just become insular and close off from different people, ideas and culture. Yet when we allow ourselves to learn and grow from other people and cultures, we are invariably so much richer for it.

After hearing about Josh, I realised that I too want to (and hopefully do) walk in two worlds. Drawing the great things from my mother's Aboriginal culture and also from my Dad's Scottish/Anglo/convict culture.

- Scott Darlow