

living in the in-betweens

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Métis

Indigenous but not Indigenous enough
my skin does not reflect my culture
i wear the scars of my ancestors
Mary, Margaret, Virginie, Maria
yet i share the skin of the colonizers
white awards me privilege
but i am marginalized in my own community

Bisexual

Gay but not Gay enough
my femininity does not reflect my sexuality
i bear the stigmas of my sisters
Hunt, Robinson, Allen, Brant
yet i go on dates with many misters
heteronormativity awards me privilege
but i am marginalized in my own community