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ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER VIEWS

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Last Saturday saw the island custom feast of "Shake Hands" of a young baby culture - young people are often talked about today. Young people of the islands are really confused. Because when are born we are expected to grow up like them, wise in the ways of the islands, of gardening and fishing. But we have seen different ways and we have heard different tunes. We have turned our backs on the old things and have opened up our minds to receive the junk of a new and foreign way. When Island children went to High School down south, they see new life. The child asks himself, where is my life? The new life is all around me. I hate it but I want it. I see the dresses getting shorter. I see the lipstick and the pretty, pretty face, but look into those eyes and you'll only see a mirror of your stupid self.

The old and the new, like two rivers rush together, boiling in the crazy whirlpool of our young people's mind so he asks - who is me?

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