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In Concert with Martin Katz, Piano

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 3:00 p.m.



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poetry: the battle is on

by nadine wolf budbill

The Battle Is On

take back vermont
 like an assault
 i am reminded every time
 every time i pass by
 highways and long dirt roads
 broken down trailers and hillside homes
 manure spreaders and motorcycles
 gas stations and clip joints
 pick 'em up at your local supplier of bigotry
 or make 'em yourself
 homemade stencils and
 pass 'em down the road to your neighbors
 black lettering burns deep through white backgrounds

take back vermont
 remember in november:
 shoot a queer, not a deer
 adam and eve, not adam and steve
 leviticus, family values, 'cause the bible tells me so
 matthew shepherd, stonewall, 1000 nameless beaten bodies

take back vermont
 yuppies, flatlanders, new jersey, new york, long island

death of dairy farms
 second and third jobs
 she always was a farmer's wife 'til
 she turned sixty and started workin' down to ames
 so they could pay the bills

traffic lights, mcdonalds, saabs
 range rovers, pricey health food stores

the battle is on
 the world's working class will fill its front lines
 those with the most cash will win
 local culture gettin' smoothed by the
 outta-state-cash-filled-pillow of
 rising property values and money that talks

take back vermont

abenaki, iroquois, algonquin

have we forgotten
 small pox infested blankets
 given with the outstretched hand of germocidal warfare
 the battle at wounded knee
 the trail of tears
 have we forgotten
 genocide, attempted extermination, mass explosion

now we romanticize, exoticize
 attend pow wows, co-opt spiritual traditions
 just to fill the vacancy that was left when we
 stepped in to reap the benefits of our ancestors' theft

"this land is my land, this land is your land..."
 have we forgotten how this came to be
 my land, your land, our country
 who owns the deed to this land
 if it is i then that deed is stained with violence and shame

take back vermont

who has the rights to this land
 who has the right to take a stand
 i ask
 who has the right

Nadine Wolf Budbill is a social justice educator and poet. She designs and facilitates youth workshops that foster empowerment through anti-oppression education and creative self-expression. She works with youth in New York City, New England, and in Vermont through "On The Rise", a Lamoille County based youth arts organization. Born and raised in Wolcott, Vermont, she now lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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