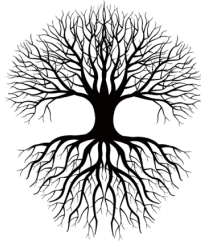


## **Maridian Skyy**

My name is Maridian Skyy. I am in love with the way we can reach each other's hearts with words of power, truth and uplifting. I represent a force that channels messages of truth for my Self and my people.



## Sojourner's Prayer

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*This piece uses meditation, mantra and sound to embody cycles of yearning for Home and recognition of the Way of my ancestors.*

*As a being of African diaspora existing in a white society, there is a constant feeling of displacement; like we are sojourners. This poem speaks of the desire to be immersed in the beauty that is still present in the natural world by tending to my roots.*

*Throughout the course of the piece, I conjure the inner knowingness of what it means to be a traveler with indigenous origins. Our nature, as nature is that of co-creation with our natural surroundings; understanding there is a time to arrive, and a time to depart. There is a time to water and a time uproot. This is the way of our ancestors. As they cared deeply for the earth, recognizing when to be immersed and when to let go.*

*By the end of this poem, I rejoice in this knowing.*

*The final line, "Grant me more, and transience" acknowledges that while I do live in this society at this time, I am a sojourner passing through, and I will seek and maintain the way of my ancestors during my stay.*

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