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Niillas Holmberg

Sole

Sole by the Sami poet Niillas Holmberg is a poetic manifest which emphasizes the connection with land as the defining matter for those with concerns over tomorrow. This compilation celebrates traditional knowledge while questioning its adequacy with the modern world and mind.

The Sami are struggling to protect their lands and livelihoods from the ongoing exploitation by the industrial societies. But what is it that prevents the States from taking everything at once?

The answer is the people.

What are the challenges in preserving the immediate relationship with land. It states that we must return to the feet because that's where we're connected. This brings us to another central symbol: The moment we put on the warm and comfortable *Shoes* offered by *Shoemaker* we offer ourselves to the mechanism of politics, oppression and false promises. Replace sustainability with egoism and individuality.

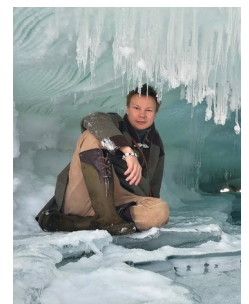
What to do with a family member who devotes himself to *Shoemaker*? If a corrupt person is part of land, does that make land corrupt as well? These are questions tickling the *foot sole*.

All the poems appear underneath an endless line that continues from page to page. The line forms a circle, thus symbolizing the cyclic conception of time, the basis of the indigenous world view. Illustrations by Inga-Wiktoria Pâve.

Niillas Holmberg

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