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In the beginning
there was the water,
And the pine.
From the sky
A woman fell.
Or—
the Creator made
Four daughters.
In any case,
the People came into being,
And the People
Have remained.

Then there were the Names,
And the Names remained
With the People also.

There was a man sent from Virginia, and his name was James Lowry.
James married Sally, after the war at the time of the journey.
Sally was the mother of William, the Patriot
    soldier, and Jimmie, the Jockey.
William the father of Allen, the One Marked for Death.
   Allen the husband of Cathrean and then Mary.

There was a man sent from Virginia, and his name
    was John Oxendine, the orphan.
John married Sarah, the mother of Charles, the landowner.
Charles the husband of Ann.
Ann the mother of Nancy, the runaway, and Lewis,
    the bootlegger, Betsy, and James.
Betsy the mother of John.
James the father of Big Jim, the Politician.

There was a man sent from the South, and his name was John Brooks.
John married Patty, daughter of William, the Patriot. John
married another woman, whose name we do not recall.
She the mother of Lovedy, who was the mother of legions.
Patty the mother of Mittie, who was the mother of Sandy.

There was a man sent from Granville District,
and his name was Robert Locklear.
Robert married a woman whose name we do not recall.
She was the mother of Randall, who married Sarah.
She the mother of Major and John, who married women whose
names we do not recall, after the war at the time of the journey.
Randall was the father of Big Arch.
Major was the father of Lazy Will.
John was the father of Samuel.
Samuel the grandfather of Preston, the School Master, and Margaret.
Margaret the wife of Nathan, the former slave.
Preston the father of Governor, the Doctor.

There was a man sent from a place we do not recall,
and his name was Cannon Cumbo.
Cannon married Ally, the mother of Stephan.
Stephan married Sarah, the mother of Mary and Christianne.
Mary the second wife of Allen, the One Marked for Death.
Christianne the wife of Betsy’s son John.

Lazy Will the father of Cathrean, wife to Allen, the One Marked.
Cathrean was the mother of Patrick, the Preacher.
Mary, second of Allen’s wives, was the mother
of Henry Berry, the Outlaw.
Mary also the mother of Calvin, the Preacher.

Christianne, the wife of John, was the mother of Henderson, the Singer.

Sandy, the son of Mittie, was the father of Joseph, the
Advocate, and Malinda, the turpentiner.
The grandfather of Dalton, the peacemaker.
Malinda was the mother of Bloss.
Calvin, the son of Allen, was the father of Doctor Fuller, the Politician.

Lovedy, the mother of legions, was grandmother of Beadan, the first recognized.
Also great-grandmother of Pikey and Lawson, the Longhouse leaders.

Patrick, the Preacher, was the father of Martha, the bootlegger, and Emmaline.
Emmaline the wife of Preston, the School Master.
Martha the mother of Lucy, the gardener.
Lucy the mother of Waltz, like the dance.

Henderson, the Singer, married Virginia.
Virginia the mother of James, the fiddle player.
James the father of Foy, the farmer.
Foy the husband of Bloss, daughter of Malinda, the turpentineer.
Bloss the mother of Louise, the teacher.

Waltz the husband of Louise.
Louise the mother of Malinda, who married Willie, the Songwriter, and then Grayson, the Storyteller.
Malinda the mother of Lydia, the Loved.

Behold, how the light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness did not overcome it.
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