Step By Step

Lyrics:

okihcitāw (ki)kanawēyimikonaw
(Protectors watch over us)

We are providers not dividers
We help to ignite the fire
That is burning within
And has always been
Deep inside the darkness
Let’s find out where the spark is
Together we’ll make it right
Don’t give up the fight
Knowing who you are
You’re still here you’re still alive
It’s through the struggle
We find the strength to survive
Nobody chooses the harder road
And your inner child already knows
Life wasn’t off to a smooth start
Stories told break break break my heart
I wish I could rock that little child to sleep
And tell them that they’re safe and loved
So deep
But the best I can do is work through the pain
Cast some sunshine through all the rain
And see something better what you deserve
Let history rest and enjoy this world

Chorus

It’s alright It’s gonna be okay
When you cry I’ll help ease the pain
I can be your stepping stone
You’ll never have to walk alone

Awāsisak (children)
iskwēwak (women)
nāpēwak (men)
kēhtē-ayak (elders)
māmawohkamātōtān ka-sōhkisihayk (let’s work together on being strong)
ika-mamasitotawānaw kā-nīkānīstawāyahk (we will rely on the one who is our (spiritual) leader)
hāw, kahkiyaw māmawi-kākāsimotān (all right, let us all pray together)
hay-hay (thanks)
waṣte (it is good (in Dakota))
marsi chogh (thank you (in Dene))

But helping you gives me strength – it
gives me life
We’re no different you and I
We both have dreams we both have pride
We both know what it’s like when the
river runs dry
Oh and time isn’t always on our side
So we gotta learn to love ourselves and try
Connect to the earth connect to the sky
My spirit reignites with nature
Believing in something love instead of hate here
That’s where we belong
That’s where we become strong
Let’s get together and sing this song