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I Remember – Noah

I remember when we were at the camp cutting caribou

I remember first tasting the meat

I remember it was good.

And after cutting the caribou we went back to the tent

And I remember giving the meat to my ananartsiak.

I remember she kissed me on the cheek.

I Remember - Tamusi

I remember hunting. I was alone and I lost where I was.

I remember canoe boating, seal.

I remember playing chess and always losing.

I remember cutting caribou

And getting drunk and passing out, waking up hungover.

I remember the ski-doo, hunting, fishing.

Hunting is hard work.

I remember summer holidays swimming by the beach.

I Remember - Tivi

I remember having a relationship
I remember walking around our community
I remember smoking weed at my place
And going hunting with grandpa at the camp

I remember hunting with Tamusi and Peter
And we caught goose and smoked weed
I remember catching 6 seals with my family
I even went hunting alone on my Honda
And I shot a caribou and cut it by myself.
Well done!

I Remember – Jacob

I remember smoking too much weed. I lost my mind.

I remember going hunting for 10 days in camp.

I remember when I killed the seal.

I remember when I flew in the sky.

I Remember – Andrew

I remember when I first played chess I did not know how to play
I remember I was learning step by step, never stopping learning
I remember the first time I won I felt incredible
I was young when I first played chess with my friends
I remember a friend taught me to play
And it took me a month to learn
I remember someone cheating and getting away with it
Even I tried to cheat, but he caught me
I remember laughing with a big smile when I cheated

Hockey – Noah

My favourite sport
Is hockey and I'm always
On the ice to win

During the Nunavik cup
Sometimes we did not win
Still, its good to try.

Westbrook – Tamusi

Foul, double dribble

Ly up, spin, swish one on one,

Up, down, jumping for the ball

Hockey – Tivi

Penalty shot,
Hockey night is my life
Short -hander is my best move

Favourite Sports - Tivi

Ping pong is second
High kick is my favourite
Soccer is the last

Lebron James – Andrew

I watch basketball

I like watching Lebron James

My favourite player

Superstition - Noah

“If a pretty girl crosses your path
she’ll give you a few years good luck.”
It’s because she gives you more love
to love more, your girlfriend.

Step on a Crack - Jacob

“Step on a crack, Snoop Dogg will be the coach.”
He will coach the LA football team in MVI.

Step On a Crack

- Tivi

“Step on a Crack, Eminem will die and I will die too.”

I love the music of Eminem. My favourite song is “I’m Not Afraid.”

Whenever I walk near the boys unit I go step away from the cracks.

Smell the Trees - Andrew

“Smell Maple trees in Toronto, wet the bed.”

The maple trees were too fragrant, it makes me wet the bed. The smell is so strong.

Reality or Superstition?

“When a fart howls, the #2 is near!”

At The End of the Rainbow - Tom

“At the end of the rainbow are crystals.”

The hunter was on the land. He was away for two weeks, far from home.

He was looking for caribou and instead he found crystals. He came home a rich man.

At the End of a Rainbow - Johnny

“At the end of the rainbow is good luck in Africa.”

It's good luck for Africa. They will get houses, roads and they will get good luck because of new riches and lots of money. They'll get coffee shops on every corner, Nike clothes and Adidas shoes, new glasses, that's it!

Collective Poem

“If a fuzzy blue caribou crosses your path, you’ll get stuck exactly where you are... forever.”

Anonymous

Dangerous
steal your heart
burn your eyes

Tivi

I see the dog sled and I feel like going home
I see people walking on the world
I feel the hopelessness and I pay
I feel like writing a story with my friends
writing it in my journal
I feel like doing my school work in the the classroom

I miss my family and doing schoolwork
I see Canada geese and goose
In January I raced the dog sleds but I lost
I do games at Christmas and New years

The End

The Beach - Noah

I see beautiful girls wearing bikinis around the beach
I feel the heat of the sun
and I hear girls singing around me
I'm laying down on the beach chair
tasting the liquor and I smell the fresh air
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Summer - Johnny

It reminds me...

I see hands

I hear them talking

I feel the air

I smell BBQ foods

I taste apple

the colour is blue clouds

very big beers

are colourful

I sense some cold weather

I feel free

Tom

I see northern lights and stars
it's nice to see
the night sky
feels good in the dark outside

I feel freezing, cold and happy
I see sky, stars, northern lights
dark trees, mountain
I feel happy and everybody likes it

I Am - Noah

I am motivated and friendly
I wonder about my family
I hear waves lapping against the sand
I see geese flying
I want to be a mechanic

I am motivated and friendly
I pretend I am happy sometimes
I feel sad and happy
I touch my family
I worry about my siblings and parents
I cry for my grandpa and sometimes my family
I am motivated and friendly

I understand how to hunt and how to play hockey
I say take care
I dream to have a happy family and to have a great job
I try to be a good person
I hope to have a great life with my girlfriend
I am motivated and friendly

I Am - Jacob

I am a hunter
I worry about my family
I cry when I am missing my family
I am missing my family

I understand I easily understand
I say can I go to the bathroom
I try to score at basketball
I hope I will be going home
I am going home

I Am - Danile

I am strong and motivated
I wonder about my family
I hear waves
I see mountains and sunset
I want to be a professional wrestler

I am strong and motivated
I pretend I am a superhero
I feel confident
I touch my heart
I worry about my family
I cry about death
I am strong and motivated

I understand music
I say “rock it” often
I dream to burn my fat
I try to make it to the gym and work out
I hope to lose 20 pounds
I am strong and motivated

I Am - Tivi

I am a hunter and a smoker
I wonder if I will have a relationship
I hear a hunter shooting a goose
I see Andrew writing paper
I want to hunt with Tamusi

I want to be the best client
I pretend I want to go home
I feel like a cigarette
I touch caribou cutting inside the thing
I worry about my family
I cry because I don't have a father

I hope to be the best student
I understand to load a gun
I say I wanna go home
I dream I am shooting a seal with my Atatatsiaq
I try to catch a seal
I hope I can go home
I am writing my journals

I Am - Andrew

I am a good student
I wonder if I can meet Charlize Theron
I hear students complaining
I see hands in the air
I want to go for a drink

I am a good student
I feel so despicable
I touch my paper and pencil
I worry about my school stuff
I cry because there's no school sometimes
I am a good student

I understand I have to do work
I say "Can I get up?"
I dream to be the best student in this unit
I try to do my best work
I hope to graduate soon
I am a good student

qamutiik • SLED

- Auriak

Sleds can bring any item

Like almost

Everything, even

Dead animals

amaruq • WOLF...

- Tivi

Are great hunters, they hunt caribou

Monsters eat fast

Amaruq run faster than ski-doo

Racing on the ice

Under the tree

Quick and quiet

Ferocious

Amaruq trying to go to the community

Shoot wolf at the camp

Tutuk amaruq stew

natsiq • SEAL

sikiituuk • SKIDOO - Jacob

Sweet like candy

Excited to eat

All the meat

Licking seal blood from my lips

Skidoo pulling sled full of the stuff

Kill the animals and eat it after

I finish it

Dead seal

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RABBIT - Andrew

Running low to the ground

*A*long the grassy land

Brown, black, white

Bunny hoppin'

Into the hole

To home

I Put the...

- Tivi

I put the as in asap
the in in Inuk

I am disgusting, so smelly
I put the ice in my cream
and then I fart with the boys

I follow the man and he says don't follow me
I put the brownie in the marijuana
"don't bro me if you don't know me"

I am the man who becomes a Big Foot man
I am the basketball fan
with my team we beat Celtics Boston

When I play I beat Andrew in basketball
and he says "loser"

I put the pizza in my mouth and it's delicious!

I put the...

- Joanassie

I put the fox in my left arm
the wolf in my right arm

I am a fox, so I jump real high
I am a wolf with good muscles
in my left arm and my right arm

I am fox jumping for food
and a wolf stuck in my right arm
I put the left arm in the ground
the right arm in the high snow

I put the... - Noah

I put the dirt in the bike
the mud in the drift

I am just a rider who loves to be loved by girls
I show off for them
with my baby dirt bike

I ride my bike all the time
so girls will ask if they can follow
and they always ask if they can try my bike

I put the...

- Jacob

I put the basket in the ball

I am so angry

so I go pee and after I pee I feel very good
in my body

I put the cig in my pocket

but the cig is lost

I put the gold in the table

but the gold is lost

I put the...

- Davidee

I put the eraser in my hand
the guy took it in the way I don't know

I am so confused so I say something
I can't react to him anymore
with my reaction

I am scared of ants, I am so serious
I touched the ant and jumped up to the sky

I put the... - Andrew

I put the pimp in pimple
the char in Charlize

I am cereal, so delicious
I am very tasty
with cold milk

I'm very tired I want to go to bed
and stay in bed forever

I put the all person, in small person
the owl in bowl

I am Anthony Davis, so good, the best
I am a good basketball player
with my team we beat the Cavaliers

When I go to school, I always act like a fool
I put the man in Amanda
I put the basket in basketball

Oh my wife,

I want to become a hunter, living in silence with the wife of my dreams.

I want to be getting meat, getting caribou fur and seal skin so my wife
can make clothes.

I hope to see you in the freeland,

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Dear Girls,

My three wives. I lost my job. Please help me.

Let's be human beings.

There is no emotion or love involved in decisions based on economic
rationality. No pain, no gain.

Love you guys, from Tivi!



Hi Cousins,

I'm in Montreal.

Just wanted to say hello.

Talk to you soon.

Say hello to everyone up north.


From, Tom

DEAR:

CJM 7th D. 6th



Hi Cousins I'm in Montreal /
Just wanted to say hello.
Talk to you soon, say
Hello to everyone up
North.



Dear Jacob,

I wanted to say hello and to please stop chewing paper and sit properly.

From,

Danile



Dear Danile,

Hi Danile!

Good night Danile

Good morning Danile

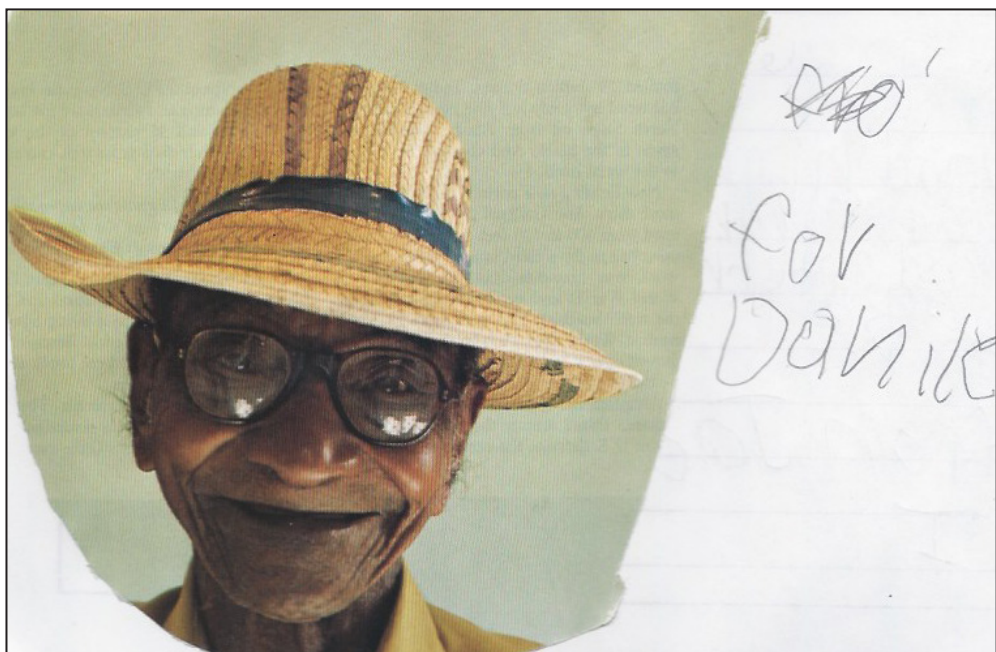
Good afternoon Danile

Bye bye, From Jacob

Travis
wanted to say
to, and to please
chewing Paper cereal
Properly.

Am 6045

6045 and 6045



Dear Amaam,

I'm at Montreal.

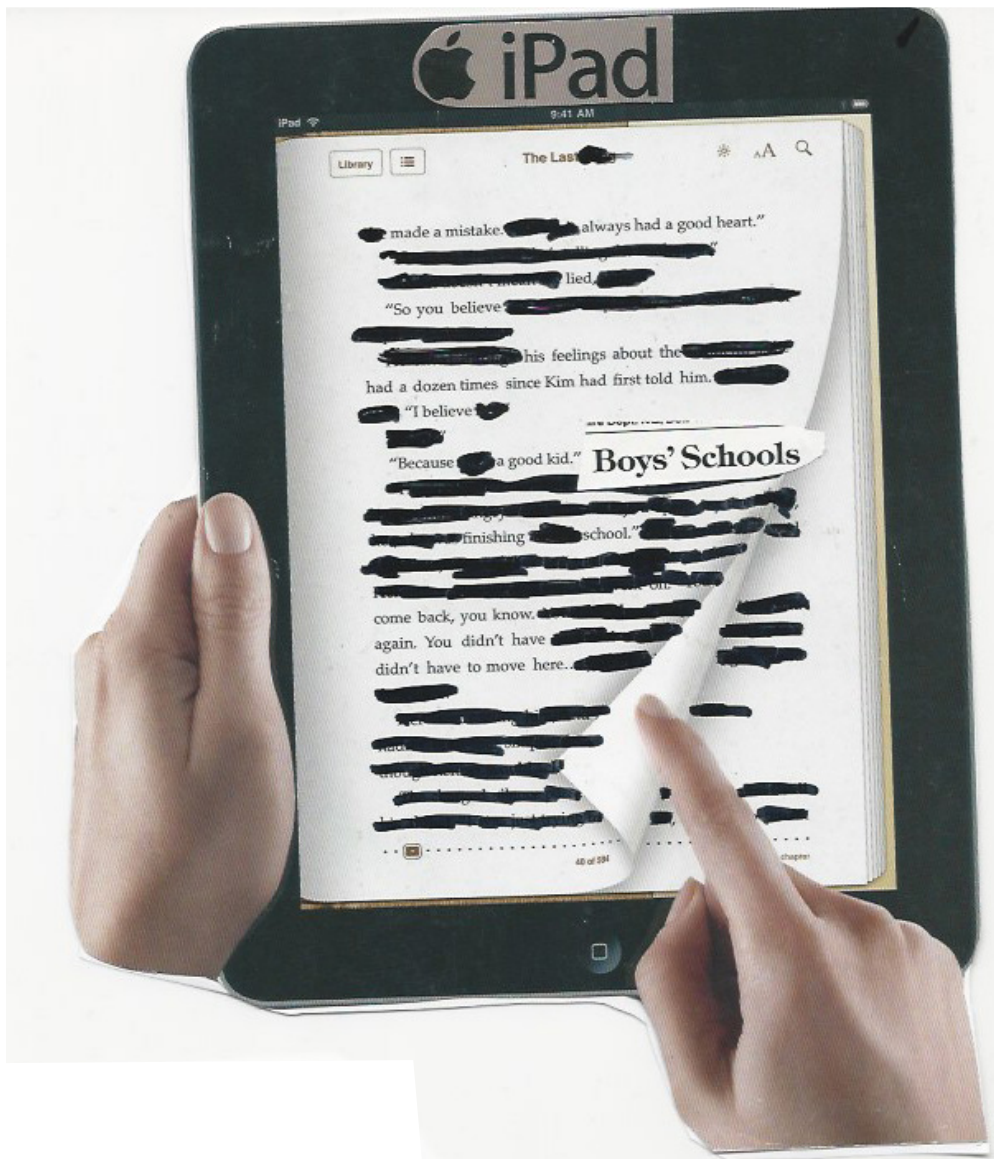
It's too boring. There's nothing to smoke.

I miss you guys.

I miss hanging out.

Lots of love, Andrew





The Secrets of
SLEEP



Get Some Sleep

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For me it's about
finding new chal-
enges and new
opportunities that
come with those
challenges”
Emerance Maschmeyer



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