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# A Declaration of Identity

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(a response to Trump's anti-trans executive orders)

**I am not who you think I am**
I am not 'sick'
I am healing.
I am spirit.

**I am not who you think I am**
I am not hateful.
I am love.

Even at the expense of my sanity,
I still hold space for empathy

because I believe in my humanity

Even when you see me with disgust,

I am still not who you think I am.

**I am not limbs for you to dissect,**

beat,
bury,
erase.

I am seeds,
of my ancestors,
barely beginning to bloom.

**I am not who you think I am.**
I am not dirt you can walk all over.
I am red dust,
you cannot just wash off.
I am not that easy to get rid of.
**I am here to exist forever.**
**I am not who you think I am.**