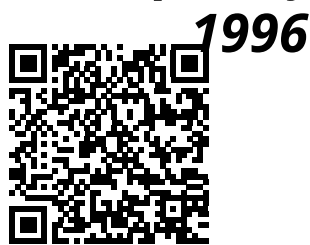


***Tsel qwelqwáleqwemet
te Halq'eméylem lite***



I started speaking
Halq'eméylem in
1996...

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***...kw'élse lam te
íwesáwtxws thel tal lite
stó:lō shxwelí.***



when I went to my
mom's classroom at
Sto:lo Shxweli.

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***I'i te shxwtelíms kw's
íwestes kw'ewátes.***



It was in a fun way
that she taught
everyone.

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***Li xwúlh xwe sthethíy
quesu tóltelmel kw'es
halq'eméylem ...***



If you want to do it
proper and learn
Halq'éylem...

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**... qex te xwe skwi'kw'áy
skwoyxtthetlómet.**



... sacrifices are
many.

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**Olu sxáxes the
Tselóythelwet ew
íweséleq.**



Tseloythelwet was a
very determined
teacher.

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**Áylexwstexwes te
sqwéltel lis yóyes....**



She made the
language come to life
at her work...

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**...lis sta qas lis
leq'áleqel.**



... at her home, and
while he travelled.

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***Tl'ólse thélmet kw'els
tólexw lhe'á thútl'ò.***



I admired her and I
learned through her.

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***Xéyelthet tolt kw'e
halq'eméylem kw'e
xwem.***



I signed up for
learning
halq'emeylem quickly

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***Kw'élse iyóthet tolt,
isále xwelált kw'els xwe
hélem.***



When I started
learning, it was two
evenings that I went

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Tset statá líte máthakwi.



My mom and I both
lived in Matsqui.

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***Tl'ó tset tu yáysele íte
kyo.***



It was just us two in
the car

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Olu ey te ste'á.



It was very good like
that.

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***Tset qwólqwetel íte
halq'eméylem...***



We were speaking
with each other in
haqemeylem...

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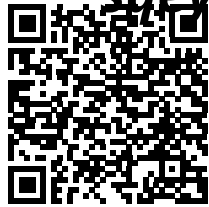
***...xwe hélem te syóys
qas ye t'ót'ekw'.***



...when going to work
and on our way
returning home.

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***Tset ew tí'ti'lt ye xaxa
ste'ltí'lem xwelá kw'e
sqéylemáls.***



We just were singing
sacred songs Hymns
for funerals.

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***Sq'os ye ste'ltí'lems ye
emómel***



Along with songs for
litte ones.

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***Líte xolhmílh qas ye
qays skwúlkwel.***



At daycare and
preschool (just before
school)

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***Tsel xwe halq'eméylem
sq'eq'ótel.***



I became a part of the
halq'emeylem family.

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Tsel tl'xwéleq',



I won/gained/had the
advantage

<https://lare.indigenousfluency.org>

***kw'else tólexw te
sqwéltel telí thel tal.***



That I learned the
language from my
mom

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***Tel shxwelí lexwóyewel
kw'else telómet.***



My spirit was excited
to learn.

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***Tsel híylexw mekw'
skwúlkwel.***



I finished all schooling

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***Tsel xwel íweséleq te
halq'eméylem.***



I am still a
Halq'eméylem
teacher

<https://lare.indigenousfluency.org>

***Tsel sxwóxwelxes kw'els
tólexw te s'íwesthóxes
thútl'o.***



I am very uplifted
(honoured) that I
learned what she has
taught me.

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***Ey tel sqwálewel kw'else
télexw te halq'eméylem.***



I am very thankful I
learned
Halq'eméylem.

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