

PRAYER TO SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

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What Is Hidden Is Most Beautiful

*What is hidden is most beautiful,
the love the world cannot see
a life of abandonment, cold, and pain,
a trust so staggering in its completeness
you, a tiny woman with pox-marked face,
demanded to be seen
to be known, to be recognized as important,
as powerful, as healing,
a miracle in a world continually blind
with war and greed*

*You show us what is more important,
the story of men whose diseases
ate your family alive, whose antique
firearms made relatives enemies,
or you, a caring woman who loved selflessly,
without measure your land,
your People, and most of all
the one who claimed you, Jesus*

*Alive in the flowing rivers,
hidden in the bark of the birch and alder
in the stumbling words of the Blackrobes,
in the slow falling snow
Jesus, to whom you said "I love you,"
when he came to take you
as thousands of Native mothers and
grandmothers who followed
you have said over hundreds of years,
carrying their Peoples'
pain in their hearts, "Jesus I love you!"*

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

Saint Ignatius Loyola, pray for us!