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Brothers Who Fell From The Sky

Artist's Statement

This painting depicts the two brothers who fell from the sky.

in the center is the sun
in the center is a drum

in the center is nature
in the center is culture

In Cowichan mythology, the first humans fell from the sky. The first Cowichan man who fell from the sky was named Syalutsa. Syalutsa's younger brother, Stutsun, also fell from the sky. When Syalutsa began to live in Cowichan land, he initiated many Cowichan traditions. Syalutsa also taught his younger brother Stutsun to respect and appreciate nature. Stutsun learned that

rain
is the weather's way
of washing
the world.

Stutsun also learned a lesson which would be good for many contemporary metrocentric denizens of the world. Stutsun learned that

the forest is for spiRITUALity
the forest
is for rest

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