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### Loss of Language

Our language is our tradition

They take it from us so we can speak their own

We have no choice, but to follow

The more we don't speak our language

The faster we lose our traditions

Our children don't know our language

Because they have taken it from us

The future generations know nothing about the past

Because they have taken it from us

They kept us from speaking our language

We lost our language - to speak another to stay alive

We lost our language - for the lives of our children

We lost our language - to those ruthless people

We lost our language- for the safety of our people

We lost our language - to have a "better" life

We lost our language- to be like them

We lost our language - to the Spanish

We lost our language- to the Japanese

We lost our language - to all of them

We lost our language, our beliefs, our traditions

Our language is our tradition

It is our wisdom

It is who we are

Our language belongs to our people

It belongs to those in our island

It belongs to the people of Guam

Our language is our tradition

It is our duty to protect the language of our people

#### Resources:

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