

The luck of the draw

Some of those taken had good experiences,

But many had bad.

Some said "This is for the best",

But many were traumatised by the kidnappings.

Some were re-located near their tribal homes,

But many were taken thousands of miles away.

Some were provided with good opportunities,

But many were taken advantage of.

Some learnt new skills,

But many were worked as slaves.

Some received wages for working,

But many didn't get a penny.

Some were even accepted as part of the family,

But many were treated as second class people.

Some felt cornered into giving up their Aboriginality by taking on a number,

But many felt the need to reach out to their people and their culture.

Some saw their families again,

But many are lost..... forever!

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