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# Alone in a Shared Space

By Pule Fonoti

There's no one like me here.  
I share a county,  
But not a culture.

There's no one who speaks my language here.  
I share a city,  
But not a culture.

There's no one who understands my traditions  
here. I share a neighborhood,  
But not a culture.

There's no one I can relate to here.  
I share a school,  
But not a culture.

There's no one who knows the struggles of being Polynesian here.  
I share classrooms,  
But I am alone.