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diverse backgrounds: My mother was Native American and my father was African American. I spent a lot of my childhood with my Cherokee/ Shawnee grandmother and Choctaw grandfather in Black Mountain, Kentucky, a small coal-mining town in the hills of Appalachia. Although we were just like any other American family, we also had our own traditional ways, prayers, and songs. I moved back to Brooklyn when I was small, but we visited Kentucky often for ceremonies. I am so excited to play, sing, and share the music from my homeland with you!

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