

Love Letter from Mike Jetty to:

Dwyane Wilcox (Oglala Lakota), *Wow! Full Blooded White People!*, colored pencil on paper, 2012, 11 x 17". MAM Contemporary American Indian Art Collection, Purchased with a grant from the Pleiades Foundation, 2012.15.09.

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*Ode to "Wow! Full Blooded White People"*

*Flip the Script - Perspective, Identity, Power and Privilege*

*What does it mean to be white?*

*What does it mean to be Indian?*

*Is there such a thing as a full blood? Did you hear the one about the white guy wearing a beaded necklace inlaid with 5 vintage Indian head nickels? When asked said – I am trying to be a quarter Indian...*

*Blood quantum – remnants of a colonial mindset...still unpacking the hegemonic threat...*

*Decolonization, Indigenization, Revitalization*

*Healing takes place in our own sacred place...*

*This artwork hits you where it counts – in the heart and in the head and even makes you laugh out-loud!*

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