I Have Seen More

The rocks have seen many things, but I have seen more.

The naluagmiut see time on their wrist, I see the sun and the moon in the sky.

The naluagmiut see electric bulbs that have to be changed, I see a stone lamp glowing in my sod house.

The naluagmiut see rifles firing at their prey, I see the arrows of my ancestors flying as silently as dust in the air straight and true to their mark.

The naluagmiut see education and scholarships, I see my aapa and my amau as my teachers, and the taking of my first seal as my scholarship to becoming a man and a true hunter.

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