

# Poet's Corner

## Man of Obvious Power

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*You see that Native man over there?  
He's president of our corporation.  
Chairman of the Board.*

*He also sits on other committees,  
Boards, council's, forums  
And attends meeting after meeting.*

*He is appointed, elected, and anointed  
To be the spokesman for his people.  
He speaks for Native issues and assists  
Non-Natives with their concerns.*

*He is called upon to negotiate  
Problems which affect  
The Alaska Natives and Alaska as a State.*

*He reaches fragile agreements  
In concept, principle and theory.  
He travels here and there.*

*He appoints, he hires, he arranges deals.  
He moves in power-broker circles.*

*You see that Native man over there?  
He is a man of obvious power.*