Voice!

Verse 1

You made a Statement from the Heart, You made it loud you made it clear. You made a Statement from the Heart, Now it's up to me to hear.

Verse 2

So many Nations came together, So many people found one voice, It wasn't easy but you did it, Now we need to make the choice.

CHORUS

It's a choice for Voice, Voice Treaty Truth x3 Voice Treaty Truth x2

Verse 3

It's way past time for recognition This Voice to parliament enshrined Our nation needs the Truth be told And there's Treaties to be signed.

CHORUS

It's a choice for Voice, Voice Treaty Truth x3 Voice Treaty Truth x3

Verse 1 in Dharug language

(as sung by Stacy Etal in the Voice! song video clip:

https://youtu.be/tuOpO SJEog)

Dharug written & translated by Stacy Etal **Verse 1**

Bayady'u budbud-in
I spoke from the heart
Gumbady'u yaragul-gu
I shouted it clean
Bayady'u budbud-in
I spoke from the heart
Ngarabami yagu
Now you will hear

A note from Stacy Etal Dharug singer songwriter & language teacher

Translating English into Dharug isn't an easy task. Due to our language nearly being lost there are many gaps in our vocabulary and certain English words were not used by Dharug speakers. As a Community, Dharug people are now working on rediscovering our language with the help of linguists and members of the Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation and the Dharug Ngurra Aboriginal Corporation.

I have translated the words in Verse 1 from my aboriginal perspective. The words are the closest translation I have been able to come up with in consultation with one of my language teachers, Jasmine Seymour.