Hi there!

My name is Leah Monson & this is my sign name.

I'm from Seattle, WA in the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

Both my mom and dad are Deaf and I have a younger sister who is a Coda like me!

I feel very fortunate to have grown up with an early identity and sense of what Coda was as a child because I grew up with many Kodas in the community.

As I have gotten older and travelled the world- I've met a lot of Codas from all over. I always have a sense of fulfillment, connection, ease & safety with them. I'd come home and try to reflect on what that "thing" is that is so unique.

The more I looked within, I realized it is my mother father Deaf roots.

What is so unique about these roots?

Well, they can't disappear, they can't be taken from me and I can't give it to someone.

It's mine.

And you have yours too.

That's a really treasured and important gift.

What I'm sharing today is a poem that I wrote titled "We Are Tree"

I hope you enjoy it!

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