handkerchief. Other members of the Sankey family also crowded about Junior, including his mother, his sisters and brothers, and his wife.

At this time the dancers broke their three-day fast by taking a taste of a beverage made from dried choke cherries. This was a ceremonial drink or medicine water specially prepared for this moment and supposed to confer a blessing upon those who tasted it. Two old men, probably the two priests who had presided at the pipe smoking ceremony gave the dancers their first taste of it, each one dipping a feather into the liquid and then applying it to a dancer's tongue. Dorsey says the medicine-water is prepared from dried pounded choke cherries, pounded herbs and water. The first taste of this is given to the dancers by two old men who draw a feather dipped in the liquid through the dancer's mouth. Dorsey said the feather used is a goose feather and that the dancers make a peculiar sound and jump over the bowl containing the drink. Myrtle Lincoln, an 82-year old Oklahoma Arapaho, told me that this liquid was called "goose water." She said they used to have to make a peculiar sound as they drank it. John Pedro told me that this medicine water had mystical properties and that although the dancers and the whole tribe could drink of it, the vats holding it always remained full. After the dancers had been given a taste of this drink with a feather, their families filled cups and other small containers from which they all took a few swallows. I was called over by the Sankeys, still clustered about Junior, and given a taste. Junior Sankey looked tired but happy, and seemed to have come through the period of fasting pretty good. Gradually people left the lodge and drifted toward their cars or their camps. Now the dancers and their families were looking forward to going to the camp of their grandfathers to feasts prepared for them by the grandfathers' families.

After the closing Sun Dance song, the singers sang four more songs, victory songs. One of them had the rhythm of a Forty-Nine song. These songs had words--