

sleep with me--he might bother you," he said. He went and laid down with his uncle. Boy, I start coughing, start coughing. Couldn't stop. He give me water. He give me sweetened water and give it to me and I couldn't stop. Finally I guess my daughter heard me--Rosie. She come in. And "Oh my," she said, "Mama, you got fever." So Imogene said, "Well, take her to the house." They load me on the car. They brought me over here. They put me in the east room in her bed. And oh, the cough wouldn't stop. All of them came up. Even my nieces were here. That house was just full of them. They got scared. Oh, Cordelia, she come in. "Mama," she said, "I pledge to have peyote boys doctor you," she said. "And it's going to be tomorrow night. I done give smoke to Blender," she said. Oscar and all of them, they were here--Oscar Birdshead. So the next morning they took me back to my tent and I guess these boys, they already fix up that tent where they was going to take me. And you know, none of my kids used to use peyote--these girls. And there wasn't nobody else over there but Sally. So they went and gave her smoke to come in and take care of me when they put me in there. Sally Sutton. So they went and fix a place on the south side. They had a bed for me, next to the chief. And they took me in and they started. Fire was built. And oh, I was laying--I tried to open my eyes, but I couldn't open my eyes. It was just like I had something that stick right through--right here under my shoulder--and my breath was kind of short--just go like-- (makes gasping sounds). And then when I cough I used to just sweat. So when they got started--they got through smoking and then they passed this peyote around. It come to me. They give me four. I don't know if I could swallow them, I told my son. He was sitting by me--Tommy. He said, "Mama, you're going to have to take it. You're going to get well. We already know you're going to get well. All we have to do is to pray. Pray to the Lord to spare you to us," he said. He put it on my right hand and he said, "You go this way four time, and then you must go that way. It's going (to go) down." Sure enough, it did. Four of them I went that way. All four of them went down. Boy, when I had that effect, you know--when I felt that peyote--I