

Moon of Ripe Plums

Cherry Creek.

My Friends:

My friend His-Name-is-Everywhere (Stanley Vestal) has questioned me; all that I told him is straight and true. I have acted as I was taught by my own father Makes-Room and my uncle Sitting Bull. My father was a great chief, and my uncle a great leader of warriors. They two wished me to carry their great name through life; I wish the same. My father and uncle died long ago, but I am still keeping what they taught me. There are many Indian tribes on this Island (the United States), and also the Grandfather's people (citizens of the United States) saw me. You all know my name. Everything on this Island belongs to the Grandfather (the President), so we must all love one another. That is why everything I say here is straight and true, and for the reason that I am a chief. I wish I could shake hands with all you who see this. For I am still alive.

(Signed) Chief Joseph White Bull