

How Sitting Bull got his name. 9/15/16 311  
Bull - front of his family - patron saint  
By White Bull.

When Sitting Bull was about six years of age, his folks were living on the banks of Grand River. Like all Indian lads he was taught to get up early, and attend to the horses, learn to ride, to shoot with bow and arrow, swim, play all kinds of games, sing and dance and if occasion demands to go hunting or on the war-path.

One morning just about daybreak, Sitting Bull, whose nickname was *hunkesni* - meaning Slow, woke up to look for horses. This he did on foot and had the grand opportunity to observe everything on the way, the singing of birds, the howling of coyotes, deer watering on the river bank and in fact everything that nature offered.

He was enjoying this morning's hike, immensely, and was singing and humming some new tune he had heard recently for he was a lover of music. Just as he had reached a high hill, viewing the scenery all round him, when he heard some kind of a noise and looking down he saw a buffalo bull in a sitting position. *Hunkesni* did not have any weapon of any kind so became scared - stood there in awe - but the bull was looking at him in such a manner that he could not break away from it. But the bull did not show any sign of harming him. At last, the bull resumed its natural position, lifted up its tail, pawed upon the ground and quietly went its way.