

As soon as he was fully rested he mounted the horse, he rode to the bank of the river but before he made the horse plunge into it he addressed the horse as follows:

"Grand child, do your best - permit me to guide you across. If you and I reached the other side safely I shall have the Tribe make a dance in your honor."

As soon as he said this, he persuaded the steed to plunge into the river and they started swimming across the treacherous river. Sitting Bull was riding it. They were carried about half a mile down the river but landed safely. The crowd rushed, cheered and sang praises in honor of the great hero.

The promise made by Sitting Bull to the horse was fulfilled by the Tribe. It was known as Sacred Horse Dance.

This heroic deed placed Sitting Bull on the basis as rescuing a wounded comrade on the battle-field.

at risk of his life
in distress