

children by starving their mothers. Shall he go past me into the Spirit Village? T'-li-li-li, t'-la-la-lu, t'-li-li-li, t'-la-la-lu! K'hoo-o-o! K'hoo-o-o!"

Then he raised his tomahawk to stop the Indian Agent from going along. But the Indian Agent opened his great mouth and ate the Spirit Man and his tomahawk. Then he rubbed his stomach and said, "Yai, something is hurting me like a rock!"

I shouldn't have eaten the tomahawk."

Then he went on his way leaping and whistling and dancing along, and every time he leaped and whistled he went along as far as he could see.

## HE EATS A SPIRIT FAMILY

The Indian Agent came to a place where a Spirit family were planting corn in a field. They had to stay outside of the Spirit Village four thousand moons because they were cross to an old woman before she died.

The dogs barked. The man said "What!" The woman looked and heard the Indian Agent leaping and whistling and dancing along, and she said, "It's the Indian Agent on his way to the Spirit Village in a hurry! Don't let him steal us and eat us up! Speak kindly to him and let him go along! Call back the dogs. I'll put the seed corn under my dress so he will not see it and steal it! You are so slow—Oh, he-he-he!"

They would have let him pass along, but the dogs would not. They attacked him, and so he opened his great mouth and ate the dogs. Then he ate the man. Then he ate the children. Then he ate the woman and seed corn. Then he rubbed his stomach and said,

"The meat of ghosts is tough and spongy,  
But since dead I'm deathly hungry,  
Yai, I want beef! Yai, I want bread!  
Yai, Yai, it's awful to be dead!"

Then he went on his way leaping and whistling and dancing along, and every time he leaped and whistled he went along as far as he could see.

## HE COMES TO THE SPIRIT VILLAGE

At sunset he came to the Spirit Village. It was by the sunset side of a river. And between the river and the Spirit Village there was a woodland full of flowers and birds. Around the Spirit Village there was a fence of tall stones to keep the spirit animals outside. And in the Spirit Village there was a sacred water spring, and when the people drank the water they were not hungry. The Spirit Village was full of Holy Cedar trees, and the gate of the Spirit Village was the largest flat stone in the country.