

My father and my mother, be not afraid,
Your hunger once more is stayed,
And there is still food in abundance.
My brother and my sister, comb your hair,
And paint your faces with vermilion,
For the Great Spirit has softened
The hearts of our enemies, and they feed us with food.

He has, within the writer's knowledge, given three distinct accounts, and no two of them alike, of Custer's last battle against him in the valley of the Little Big Horn, and there can be no doubt as to his first report being in the main correct. It was about as follows:

He heard the long-haired chief and his soldiers were coming, and he sent out thirty young men on the day before the battle, and that night twenty of them returned and reported the white soldiers coming, and he then told his braves and all his old and young men to get ready for battle. On the morning of the battle seven more of the young men came in and said the soldiers were closing in upon their village, and not long afterwards the remaining three came in and reported the whole column of cavalry in sight, and he then sent the women and children away, and before they had been gone long and the white soldiers made their first charge, and just at this time his wife came running back, /p.95/ saying she was so badly scared that she forgot her baby. He at once brought the little one from the teepee, and giving it to his wife and telling her to run, he then turned toward his braves, who were just resisting a bold and gallant charge made by Custer at the head of his men. He then raised a pole with a flag, and at the top of his voice shouted, "I am Sitting Bull, the big chief and leader of all the Sioux warriors." His men had but little trouble in driving our column back, and every charge that was made by our men after that was met and checked by his braves, and those not killed on the field were driven back into new positions; and when the cavalry was finally reduced in numbers to a handful of men, they all rallied to where Custer stood, and then the fighting was soon over, they all falling nearly at the same time.