

said, "What have you got on your back?" He said, "They are songs." The duck said, "Would you sing us one of your songs?" He hesitated and had to be coaxed. Finally he said, "Well, I am in a hurry, but I will sing one if you will do just as I tell you." They agreed. He said, "All of you come out, I am going to build a dance hall." He begins to build it and builds it so there is only one passage way. It is made of willows and bark etc. The ducks came out and he told all the ducks to arrange themselves in a circle the shape of a tepee. "The song that I have selected for you is this: you have to dance with your eyes shut. I want to make it plain to you that all of you must dance with your eyes shut as long as I sing." They agreed. He said, "The penalty for disobeying will be red eyes the rest of your life. So he started singing and all the ducks started to dance. While they were dancing he took one by one and rung their necks and threw them out. Finally one little duck said, "Look out, Unktomi is ringing your necks." So they all flew away and that is why the teal duck has red eyes.

Second story - Unktomi was going along. He saw a wolf watching some dead ducks that someone must have shot. They drifted on the shore and he picked them up and was watching them. Unktomi came along and said to the coyote, "I was passing by near the village and your brother is very anxious to see you right away and told me to tell you not to disappoint him. He wants to see you immediately on very important business." The coyote said, "What shall I do with all these ducks?" He said "leave them with me. I'll take care of them." He went away and Unktomi stuck the ducks up around a big fire and began to roast them. Pretty soon another coyote was passing by. He said, "Brother, don't come here. I have ducks and don't want anyone here." He didn't pay any attention. Pretty soon the coyote came near, but Unktomi didn't see him. Unktomi was busy. The wind was blowing and he went over to a tree blown over and part of the limb broken and the tree would make a noise when the wind blew, so Unktomi went over and looked at the tree and said, "Brother, don't sing. I don't want anyone near my barbecue. I wish you would keep still." He would keep on like that. "I'm going to get a club and silence you." The wind kept blowing and in the meantime the coyote had already come and taken away all his ducks. While he