

fourth day, the fourth day, they're dancing, they got a place where they dance outside away from where they're dancing. Way out someplace, tent, wigwam, teepee. They dance inside there. They dance different songs, different song all together.

(Ceremonial songs, I guess.)

Yeah. And in there where, I couldn't explain it. I know how they do, but I couldn't explain it to you. They dance in there with gourd. Before they do that, they have a--go through ceremony out there. Nobody knows except them old people. They go out there and the women got them little /Osage word/ they call 'em. /Osage word/ they used 'em. Use 'em dance way out there someplace. Nobody knows how they do it. They fixed 'em up someway. And when they get through, then they come back. They dance that way. You can't understand. Nobody can understand. Even all grown person didn't understand, but old person. They know it. Made by them old people way back there.

IT IS DANGEROUS TO LOSE THE OLD CEREMONIAL SONGS

It's dangerous, you know. Take care of 'em. If you lose 'em, if you lose 'em, you might go blind or something will go wrong with you. Pretty strict with that thing. If you ever get something like that where you can't fix it. Something wrong in there, They get somebody that understands. Now in your time, you have to get somebody that understands come and fix it for you. Take it all apart. Fix for you and they fix it back up. Them /Osage words/, They tear them up, too. Anything wrong in there, they fix it for you. When they tell you when you fix 'em, don't tie 'em too tight. If you get it too loose, it's going to bother you again. It has to be just so. It's all right and you go on your life.. Everything's strict, you know. You can't understand all these. Nobody knows. Nobody knows now. They're gone now.

DIFFERENT TRIBES HAVE NO RIGHT TO SING OSAGE SONGS