

When Glen finishes, John Pedro says to get the rest of the people inside if they were going to call for water now. Some people occasionally get up and leave the tipi for going on short breaks. They are allowed to leave, with Abraham's permission, but must not walk in front of anyone smoking or eating peyote. But apparently everyone must be present for the ceremony at midnite and for the morning ceremony and to sing in turn, etc.

Then John talks a few minutes. Says something like: "Glen, Nephew (Abraham) Howard, Judy, etc. Abraham there is my nephew. He took me for Uncle. We got acquainted in a good way--in peyote meeting. I told him I'd have a meeting for him. Pray the way you want to. We got good peyote here. We come together to pray and worship--different tribes--white Sister. That's my nephew that's conducting. My brother-in-law (Glen) is carrying that drum. Sing. Pray. Drum the way you want to. Make a general prayer. Enjoy fellowship throughout the night. I want to thank all of you. I want all of you to stay and be with us. My nephew, Eugene Blackbear, here. We always have these meetings in Wyoming. I told him (Abraham) we'd have one in Oklahoma when he came. Thank all of you for coming.

Glen says, "We're gonna call for water now. Stop a while and pray, drink water; then go on."

Abraham sings two songs, then he blows four times on an eagle bone whistle. The first three times he blows just one long note. The fourth time is a long note followed by a series of short notes. Then he sings two more songs. Others sing along with him. Bobby Pedro has brought the water in and set it in front of the fire sometime while Abraham was singing. I don't remember which song it was.

When Abraham is through, Glen says: "Our leader here has called on Verle Adonko for a prayer. Call on Almighty God and his son, Jesus. We're glad Abraham Spotted Elk can be here. Hope he has a good road home." Glen continues in this vein, talking about other people, including the old lady (Annie Pedro) that lives here.

Verle Adonko talks and prayer. The essence of what he says is: "I want to thank Abraham, this young man, for this honor. I'm thankful to be here. I respect you for that. I'm trying to get along in this world. I'm thankful for John Pedro for having this meeting. Bless my Caddo people and all Indian people. Bless our brother, Francis (Francis Williams, not present, brother of Howard Williams). Bless the old people. Bless young mothers and mothers-to-be. Bless this young man, Abraham. Thank you for the times I've been in here (in peyote meetings). Bless my friend, Glen. Better his health. Bless this fireplace, and bless John Pedro and his children. Thank you for our peyote. Bless Bobby for bringing water in. Bless this water, that it may be the start of a good life for us. Bless each and every one of us, all Indian people everywhere, etc. etc. In name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Verle then puts cedar in the fire and everyone smokes themselves with it four times. Then the water is passed around and everyone drinks. First Bobby spills a little bit of it out on the earth in front of the fire. During the prayer the water has been sitting on the ground in front of the fire.

Then Bobby Pedro, smoking a cornshuck cigarette says: "Brother Abraham, thank you for letting me help you out by making this light (the fire). It's a great encouragement when someone asks me to do something. I do the best I can. Thank you for coming and run this meeting. Pray for yourself and the people back home and us too and our friends. Thanks to all of our friends, these Caddoes, etc. I'm going to pray, best I can. (He then prays, but in a low voice and it's hard to understand him)