

today on, us three are authorizing you to sing for the people". But he said, There's a catch. I want to tell you. The first animal that you get through the drum, you feed your people. That way you comply with our orders. When you get up at the big drum to say something, the people will understand. They'll respect you and they'll keep quiet and listen to you. But if you don't do that, you always going to be in poverty." When he gets through talking, he says to Adahamoni--that Chief Sa- Big Snake's Indian name--"Now you tell him something", And the old man says, "hmm". That means "Oh my". Just like saying, "I don't know nothing". But he did say this, "What I wanted to say, you two have covered it all. You took the words right out of his mouth--"Other words, he said, "You took the words right out of my mouth. Only thing grandson," he says. "I have, I've got some grandchildren. I've got some daughters and I've got some boys. From today on, I want you to be their godfather and take care of them for me. There's only one thing that I have that you notice. All the birds that's flying all over the creation of the earth--they all have pretty music, pretty tunes. There is one bird that has them all, and I am a friend of that one bird in a lot of mysterious ways. I understand the bird. - Now I'm gonna bestow that upon you. Through this drum, you can hear a song anywhere. You just hear it one time and then you've got it. You can make songs. There's music in the air and them birds has got 'em and you can catch that song if you like it or not. You're gonna like it. It's gonna be a blessing to you through me that you might sing. But there is a catch to it. When you hear of me being sick in my dying bed, I want you to be there." At that time, I thought it was impossible. So eight years afterwards, I was a patient in the Pawnee Indian Hospital. One morning about nine o'clock, they brought that old man in. He'd had a stroke on the right side of his body. When that old man saw me over there, my left leg was in a "buck" extension, with a five hundred pound