



## Northern Singing

For the Intertribal Pow-wow

### Hide And Seek

I sing of hemlocks whispering mysteries,  
Of meadows green with promise,  
Of lakes with secrets,  
Of mountain peaks in touch with eternity,  
Of solitude filled with murmurings we can never hear,  
Of presences that hover just beyond the edge of perception,  
Of meanings etched in snow, transcribed with wings,  
I sing the truth  
Of hidden things.

## Pow-wow Session (General)

- Grand Entry
  - Prayer
  - Flag Song
  - Veteran's Song
  - (Round Dance)
  - *Intertribal time*
- Intertribal time*
    - Specials by
      - Committee
      - Head Dancers
      - Drum
      - Others
    - Honoring Songs
    - Exhibitions
    - Contest Songs
    - Blanket Dances
    - Two-Steps / Rabbit Dances
    - Sneak-up
    - Crow Hop
    - Snake / Snake & Buffalo
    - Others

## NORTHERN

Omaha Dance

- Sioux of Pine Ridge of Rosebud

Grass Dance

- Shoshoni
- Arapaho
- Blackfeet
- Cree
- Assiniboine
- 3 Affiliated Tribes  
(Mandan, Hidatsa, Gros Ventra)
- Sioux of Standing Rock

## SOUTHERN

War Dance – Generally

- Kiowa
- Apache
- Comanche
- Cheyenne
- Arapaho
- Osage
- Pawnee
- Ponca
- Oto

INTERTRIBAL = TODAY

## DRUM ETIQUETTE

- Varies amongst different groups
- Be polite and respectful
- A *blessing* of the drum is done before Main dance time
- No “meals” eaten at the drum
- No alcohol
- Items not passed over the drum, but around the side
- Special Songs requested – donation by the requesting party
- Tape songs with permission
- Smoking is permitted
- Check on the dress code



Uh, excuse me,  
we're supposed  
to be singing  
here.

USUALLY

Women do not sit at or beat the drum

Women aren't *supposed* to touch the drum

Dressed dancers do not sit at the drum.

## Dress Code

("Ideal" vs. *Mine*)

- Cowboy boots
- Full length tight "Cowboy" jeans
- Belt with beaded buckle
- Long/Short sleeved buttoned western style shirt (tucked in)
- Beaded/Pendleton/ Western style vest
- Bolo Tie
- Cowboy/ Pow-wow hat
- Dark sunglasses
- 5 year old Airwalks
- Full length NOT tight "Comfortable" jeans
- Belt
- Long/Short sleeved buttoned any style shirt
- Pendleton vest
- No Bolo Tie (I lost it)
- 5 year old Nike hat
- Dark sunglasses

## Vocal Care

- No
  - Caffeine
  - Dairy
  - Chili
  - Fried Items
- Yes
  - Herbal Teas
  - Water
  - Halls (Cough Drops) – Quick Fix
  - Lemons

## Types of Songs

- Vocables
- Vocables and Words
- Word Songs

## Structure

- Introduction / Lead
- Second
- First Chorus
- Short pause
- Second Chorus
  - Includes Honor Beats
  - Similar to First Chorus

## Northern Style Vocals

- Falsetto (high pitched voice)
- Shouts or Yelps

## Southern Style Vocals

- Lower voice
- Nasal tones



## -Twinkle Twinkle -

Black Lodge Singers Kids Pow – wow Songs - 1996

We- Yo- Weyo weyo heya heweyo he e e e yo

Weyo weyo wehiya

Weyo weyo weya howeyo he e e e yo

Weyo weyo wehiya

Weyo weyo weya howeyo he e e e yo

Twinkle twinkle little star

How I wonder what you are he e e e yo

Up above the world so high

Like a diamond in the sky he e e e yo

## LAKOTA NATIONAL ANTHEM

(Sioux Flag Song)

WE HAI YA HAI YA HE WE HAI YA HE WE YA

WE HAI YA HE HO YOI  
WE HAI YA HE WE YA  
WE HAI YA HE HO YO  
WE HAI YA HE WE YO HE YE YE YE YOI

Tunkasilayapi tawapaha kin HOI  
Oihanankesni he najin yelo HE YE YE YE YOI  
Iyohlate HO YO oyate kin HO YO  
Wicicagin kya ca hecamon welo-o HE YE YE YE YO

*The flag of the United States will fly forever.  
Beneath it the people will grow.  
That is why I do this.*

Porcupine Singers at Ring Thunder Vol 1, 1978

## “Rock -n- Roll” Songs

- “Shake Your Booty” – Black Lodge Singers
- “Peji Song” – Stoney Park
- “Intertribal” – Black Lodge Singers