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THE LAST INDIAN ON THE TRAIL OF TEARS

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Soh wohm dee chee lah
Soh wohm moh kee
Soh
Soh wohm dee moh kee

I am last Indian on the Trail of Tears
I speak not with Voice of Woman
I speak from Heart of Stone
which is to say
symbol of Great Grandfather
If you would be as Indian
find your pebble
that fits with ease
in soft curve of your hand
so it is like bird egg in nest
between finger-branches of your hand tree
so it is like grain of earth
on soil in your heavenly hunting ground
so it is like pill in your medicine bag of white man
so it is like powder in your magic bag of native doctor
so it is like bullet from your white man's fire stick
so it is like arrow point on your hunter's willow stick
so it is symbol of power but not power itself
so it is like great grandfather
which is to say magic
which is to say spirit
which is to say guide on Trail of Tears of Life
and so through this Voice
shall you be given choices on what to do
shall you be given choices on where to go

shall you be given choices on which way to turn
shall you be given choices on when to retreat
shall you be given choices on when to stop
shall you be given choices on when to be still
shall you be given choices on when to restart
shall you be given choices on when to whisper
shall you be given choices on when to weep
shall you be given choices on when to sing
shall you be given choices on when to sleep
shall you be given choices on when to die and live
 and place your pebble in pocket of your moccasin
 and walk some steps with it daily
 and know it is Voice of Earth
 in Heart of Stone
 and Voice of Earth shall remind you
 who you are
and if you heed message your pebble sends
through Heart of your Mind
you shall know which is grandfather's good medicine
you shall know which is grandfather's bad medicine
and you shall know which is false medicine of no worth good or bad,
and you shall ever be guided to middle of trail
and as I AM shall WE BE
eternally and everlastingly
The Last Indian on the Trail of Tears.

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soh wohm mok kee
soh wohm
soh
Soh wohm

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