

Dakota Love Song 1

• Santee Sioux • Transcribed by Alfred Longley Riggs

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He nan-zhin we, He nan-zhin we, U - kta ce, U - kta ke -

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ya ca! Wa - mdi-du -ta u - kta ce, U - kta ke - ya ca!

Source:

"TAH-KOO WAH-KAN; The gospel among the Dakotas" by Stephen R. Riggs (1869) included an appendix: "Dakota songs and music" by Alfred Longley Riggs (son of Stephen).
 Song No. 1 on page 476; translation on page 460.

Sung by the faithful maiden, while her chosen brave is absent, rejecting a mercenary suitor. Translation:
 Stay there, I say! Stay there, I say!
 Come he will; he'll come; he said so.
 Scarlet Eagle, he will come, he'll come; he said so.