

## DRUMS

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G

FROM THE INDIAN RESERVATION

G C G

TO THE GOVERNMENTAL SCHOOL

G C G

WELL THEY'RE GOIN' TO EDUCATE ME

G D

TO THE WHITE MEN'S GOLDEN RULE

D G

AND I'M LEARNING VERY QUICKLY

G C G

FOR I'VE LEARNED TO BE ASHAMED

G C G

AND I COME WHEN THEY CALL BILLY

G D G

THOUGH I'VE GOT AN INDIAN NAME

### Chorus:

G

AND THERE ARE DRUMS BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN

G C G

INDIAN DRUMS THAT YOU CAN'T HEAR

G C G

THERE ARE DRUMS BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN

G D G

AND THEY'RE GETTING MIGHTY NEAR

AND WHEN THEY THINK THAT THEY'D CHANGED ME

CUT MY HAIR TO MEET THEIR NEEDS

WILL THEY THINK I'M WHITE OR INDIAN

QUARTER BLOOD OR JUST HALF BREED

LET ME TELL YOU MISTER TEACHER

WHEN YOU SAY YOU'LL MAKE ME RIGHT

IN FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF FIGHTING

NOT ONE INDIAN TURNED WHITE

### Repeat Chorus

WELL YOU THOUGHT THAT I KNEW NOTHING

WHEN YOU BROUGHT ME HERE TO SCHOOL

JUST ANOTHER EMPTY INDIAN

JUST AMERICA'S FIRST FOOL

BUT NOW I CAN TELL YOU STORIES

THAT ARE BURNT AND DRIED AND OLD

BUT IN THE SHADOW OF THEIR TELLING

WALKS THE THUNDER PROUD AND BOLD

### Repeat Chorus

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LONG PINE AND SEQUOIA  
HANDSOME LAKE AND SITTING BULL  
THERE'S MAGNUS COLORADO  
WITH HIS SLEEVES SO RED AND FULL  
CRAZY HORSE THE LEGEND  
THOSE WHO BIT OFF CUSTER'S SOUL  
THEY ARE DEAD YET THEY ARE LIVING  
WITH THE GREAT GERONIMO

**Repeat Chorus**

WELL YOU MAY TEACH ME THIS LAND'S HISTORY  
BUT WE TAUGHT IT TO YOU FIRST  
WE BROKE YOUR HEARTS AND BENT YOUR JOURNEYS  
BROKEN TREATIES LEFT US CURSED  
EVEN NOW YOU HAVE TO CHEAT US  
EVEN THOUGH YOU THIS US TAME  
IN OUR LOSING WE FOUND PROUDNESS  
IN YOUR WINNING YOU FOUND SHAME

**Repeat Chorus**