Stephen: Okay, a girl was taken by the thunder. She was taken up into the heavens. She got lonesome. She thought of her parents and longed to see her people again. The thunder told his son, "Why did you take her?" The boy answered, "No, she told me to stay with her to marry me. Okay, I will give her this pipe and take her down. His father will own the pipe." So the thunder's son took the girl down and asked, "Where is my father?" "There is his tipi," she said. "Tell him to burn an incense and then to tell me to come." The man burned the incense and then his daughter came in. His daughter told him, "Father, this pipe belongs to the thunder. He gave it to you. It will take four days to learn the songs." The girl taught her father the songs in four days. After four days the girl ascended up into the heavens again. "Okay, in the future when you hear me, when the thunder roars, all the children say Ma, ay!, Ma, ay!, Ma, ay! Ma, ay! They will sound this four times so I will hear the children and I can help them."

Okay, then a dance will be put up with the pipe. A berry soup will be brewed and we will all pray with the berry soup and we'll smoke. When this is done the thunder will be well pleased. That is how it will be done.
Okay, and after that Gray Broad Head owned it. He is an old
man. He was one hundred years old. He told me the story.
Okay, he paid fifty dogs on it. He didn't have any horses yet.
Fifty dogs he paid and it carried on and on and on. As far as
I know the one that owned it, Owns No Fancy Horses owned it.
He owned it for a time and then he gave it to Eagle Head.
Eagle Head owned it for a time too and he gave it to Crop Eared
Wolf. Okay, when Crop Eared Wolf had it he gave it to Sleeps
on Top. He had it for a long time. This was when they were
still hunting buffalo. Okay, at a Sundance, Crop Eared Wolf
gave it to Sleeps On Top. Sleeps On Top gave it to Wolf Tail.
Okay, Sleeps on Top had it for a time and he also gave it to
Wolf Chief, Wolf Chief to Parted Hair. Parted Hair gave it to
Shot on Both Sides, Shot on Both Sides to Black Bachelor, Black
Bachelor gave it to Weasel Head, Weasel Head gave it to Bob
Tail Chief. I was the twelfth one. Bob Tail Chief gave it to
me. Then it was owned by, who did I give it to? I forget.

John:  Calling First.

Stephen:  Okay, Calling First stole it from me and I didn't
give it to him. I wasn't thinking of selling it yet when he
stole it from me. Okay, then Calling First owned it and he
gave it to Dick Soup's son. Soup had it for a time then he
gave it to Many Folds (Henry Standing Alone). Many Folds
(Henry Standing Alone) had it for a time and then he gave it to
Black Bachelor (John Red Crane). John Red Crane owned it for a
time too and then he gave it to Wailing In the Morning,
(Charlie Davis). Then my friend was at the verge of death.
Black Bachelor came for it. He told Charlie Davis's wife, "I'll
keep the pipe for you," so he took it home. He kept it and
then he vowed to have it transferred back to him and it was
transferred back to him.

Okay, and then my son. Black Bachelor (John Red Crane) gave it
to my son. That's all.

I am telling the story in Blackfoot and here I talk English
too. Am I crazy? I used to talk into these tape recorders
before; that is why I know how to talk into them.

Mrs. Stephen Fox:  Why didn't you mention the first owner of
the pipe and the ones that went for wood?

Stephen:  No, the story is finished. The girl was taken up. I
never heard of that story. The girl was taken up to the
heavens by the thunder's son. He was the one that took her up
into the heavens and when the girl was ready to come down.

Mrs. Stephen Fox:  They were gathering wood. They went for
wood.

John:  She was told, "Your father will own it." That's how it
is. You are not going to tell the story of the Thunder's roar.
As far as you can remember you will start from there. The story
you told is from way back, I don't know how many years.
Mrs. Stephen Fox: Yes, that is what I was telling him.

John: That's why he told you to give him information that you can remember from John Red Crane and so on. That's the story you will tell.

Stephen Fox: The reason why I took the Long Time Pipe. I was very sick, to tell the story all over again. Okay, I survived. Okay, I was captured, I was brought in and I was dressed. After I was clothed the horses were brought and Lone Medicine Pipe Owner (Bob Tail Chief) went out to view the horses. He came back in and just laid the pipe down. He didn't give it to me.

Okay, he took it and went to the drummers. He told them to sing this song. The drummers started drumming and said the words in the song. "Why can't I see the grays (team)"? These two head of horses cost a lot of money.

And then I took it. Okay, that is how it was and then he said, "Wait." He said, "Point your finger over there. Point like this. That is all those horses, they are my horses. You will make a motion like this. Then you look and with your left hand you will make a motion. All those people that I see, they all pity me." Okay, that's what he said. Okay, I was going to issue tobacco at the opening of the Long Time Pipe. I killed a White Horn (cow). Everybody came to the opening ceremony. Everybody was fed.

Okay, when the drums were given to me, there were four drums. I paid seven head of horses on them. The horses were corralled. The people ate. Okay, the drum was going to be given to me so I went and the drumstick was handed to me.

"Help. May White Plastering His Home (Stephen Fox) grow to be an old man and may his life be good. He is going to beat these drums which are given to him." There were seven head of horses on them. I made four to-and-fro motions and on the fourth I stroke the drum. I was told, "Now you own the drums. Now you have them." Okay, that's how it is.

Okay, I will tell the story about the Long Time Pipe. Gray Broad Head paid fifty dogs on the pipe. This was in the time when they were still hunting buffaloes. It's a long time ago. It kept on like that. He paid dogs on the pipe and lately horses came and they started to raise the price on the Long Time Medicine Pipe. That's how it is.

John: Sit by the recorder and it will be switched off when you finish talking.

Stephen: Okay, I am Big Eagle. I took the name of Big Eagle when I took the Long Time Pipe. My father's name was Sleeps on Top. Okay, my mother's name was Step. I was born at Fort Macleod. I am ninety years old now. I am the oldest of the
Blood Indians. Okay, when we had the first treaty, my father was given treaty money. My mother was still living then. The treaties are numbered and I still got my father's treaty number. I always have it in my pocket.

John: Okay, carry on.

Stephen: Okay, when a person makes a vow to a pipe, he will take the pipe. Why I took the pipe is different. I was very sick and I thought I'd take the Long Time Pipe and I got well. That's how it is. Okay, we will be captured and we will be dressed up and four men will also dress up, who are going to dance.

The owner will dance in front with the Long Time Pipe and they will come to the new receiver and he will be mounted on the horse and a brave will count coups. "Okay, to put him on his horse at a place, I did this and that and so on. I survived and I threw down any enemy from his horse, to take this man down." Incense will be burned before this is done and then he will be taken inside.

Okay, the man will sing. In his song he will call for the horse that he wished for. If a person admires a horse he will capture the man that owns it with his pipe.

When a person is captured, the owner of a pipe will think, "I'll mention those grays (horses) in my song." And when this is done the other horses will be turned loose and the horses were brought to him that he mentioned in his song. Okay, that is all the story I'll tell.

This is the capturing song.

"My pipe is holy." (Words in song)

We will make four stops on the way. Four times. On the fourth he will get to the tipi of the person he is to capture. Okay, that's all.

Okay, in the past, a person that transfers his pipe will mention a certain horse in his song. More than two songs were never sung for me in the past. Two head of horses were mentioned in a song.

"Why don't I see the gray horses?" (Words in song)

The pipe was given too and it was mine.

"That was my wish." (Words in song)

Okay, that's all.

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