Johnny Cash "Big Foot"

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But the land was already claimed by a people When the cowboy came and when the soldiers came The story of the American Indian is in a lot of ways A story of tragedy, like that day at Wounded Knee, South Dakota

Big Foot was an Indian chief Of the Minneconjou band A band of Minneconjou Sioux From South Dakota land

Big Foot said to Custer "Stay away from Crazy Horse" But Custer crossed into Sioux land And he never came back across

Then Big Foot led his people To a place called Wounded Knee And they found themselves surrounded By the 7th Cavalry

Big chief Big Foot Rise up from your bed Minneconjou babies cry For their mothers lying dead

Big Foot was down with a fever When he reached Wounded Knee And his people all were prisoners Of the 7th Cavalry

Two hundred women and children And another hundred men Raised up a white flag of peace But peace did not begin

An accidental gunshot And Big Foot was first to die And over the noise of the rifles You could hear the babies cry

Big chief Big Foot

It's good that you can't see Revenge is being wrought By Custer's 7th Cavalry

Then smoke hung over the canyon On that cold December day All was death and dying Around where Big Foot lay

Farther on up the canyon Some had tried to run and hide But death showed no favorites Women, men, and children died

One side called it a massacre
The other a victory
But the white flag is still waving
Today at Wounded Knee

Big chief Big Foot Your Minneconjou band Is more than remembered here In South Dakota land

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