

## Ceremony

I will tell you something about stories,  
[he said]  
they aren't just entertainment.  
Don't be fooled.  
They are all we have, you see,  
all we have to fight off  
illness and death.

You don't have anything  
if you don't have the stories.

Their evil is mighty  
but it can't stand up to our stories.  
So they try to destroy the stories  
let the stories be confused or forgotten.  
They would like that  
They would be happy  
Because we would be defenseless then.

He rubbed his belly.  
I keep them here  
[he said]  
Here, put your hand on it  
See, it is moving.  
There is life here  
for the people.

And in the belly of this story  
the rituals and the ceremony  
are still growing.

### *What She Said:*

The only cure  
I know  
is a good ceremony,  
that's what she said.