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Kiowa Insults

~~How Stumbling Bear Stuck Lone Wolf~~

When one man gets very angry at another, he sometimes says "I give you to the Sun" - because long ago we prayed to the Sun and somebody gave whatever they wanted to the Sun - maybe a robe a a blanket, a buffalo a a piece of their flesh to the sun, and never took it back again ~~any more~~ - they did not use it any more, and I think "I give you to the Sun you never come back any more".

Sometimes they would say "you are a poor mean little fellow" this means "you are not able to fight me". One day when they were good (well grown) men Lone Wolf was riding with his cousin Stumbling Bear "Sittin Bear" and another man, Kicking Bird, - Lone Wolf was making fun of Stumbling Bear - he laughed at him and said "You are a poor mean little fellow" Stumbling Bear said "What do you mean? do you want to hit across the nose?" Lone Wolf said "Who will save you if

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if you hit me across the nose - who will
keep you alive?" Stumbling Bear said
"What do you mean - I don't need anybody
to save me, I can save myself!" - Lone
Wolf answered "I don't see anybody
here to save you" — Stumbling Bear
said "Lone Wolf look at me! I am
going to strike you across the nose" —
he had his wooden handled quirt by
the lash and when Lone Wolf held up
his head & said "all right hit me across
the nose" - he struck him across the
nose with the wooden handle.
Lone wolf put up both ~~his~~ hands to his
face - the blood spilled out & he fell
off his horse rolling with pain, Stumbling
Bear looked at him & thought "he will try
and kill me when he gets ~~over the pain~~ up to"
but he laughed at him, all the more - he
had been joking all the time, and they all
made more fun of Stumbling Bear
While quarreling if one man gets angry, the
other says to him "are you angry" he says
"yes I am angry" that means he is ready to
fight — another insult is "you are no good"
that is "you are a tripling worthless fellow"
or "you are no good you are not fit to live
on the ground" or to go about alive",