**Farai:** Thank you, wow...can you tell us about that one?

**?:** That last one?

**Farai:** Yeah.

**?:** Uh...that last song was a, was a thank you song, uh...it just, it's a song that you usually sing at the end just to thank the spirits for the opportunity, thank the, thank the creator for this time and for this drum and for this time in our lives, for the great time to be alive, you know, and...uh, that song also thanks the pipe, and when you thank the pipe, you thank all creation. **05:01** You thank uh, the universe. You thank, uh...everything that exists and everything that will be, and everything that's ever been. So, that's a, it's a song that you sing at the end just to honor everything and uh, in that, in that way, so...

**Farai:** So, you -- I didn't get, do you perform as a group or otherwise just give me each of your names.

**Chey:** Uh, yeah, my name is Chey Jim. Uh, and uh, typically with these songs, we actually sing them on a big drum with everyone. Uh...because just that particular ceremony that we sing these songs for, that drum represents the heartbeat of the people, heartbeat of the ceremony. That's what that -- that's what that beat represents is the heartbeat of the people and so when we all sing on the same drum, then we're all essentially becoming one being, one entity, one people at once. So typically we sing on a big drum and typically we have other people, yeah.

**Giovanni:** And my name is Giovanni Sanchez.

**Farai: 06:05** And where are you both from?

**Giovanni:** I'm uh, from Pennsylvania. I'm from the Mashika [phonetic spelling] nation, my people are out of Mexico, but the good Lakota people have taught me these songs and taught me how to sing them in the proper way like that.

**Chey:** Uh, from Flagstaff, Arizona. Uh...part of the Navajo Dene nation, been singing out there for quite some time, singing for about nine years now, so travel around and share these songs with everyone and share these...these words and uh, this medicine.

**Farai:** And why are you both here?

**Chey:** Uh...I'm here to, to show my support for the Standing Rock people, to show my support for the earth. As indigenous people, I think our mind frame is, our roots, our culture is heavily ingrained into the earth, and with this particular situation here, it's important to remember that this doesn't just face the Standing Rock people. **07:00** Or even the people who drink out of this water, all the 18 million other people, but...that problem does exist all, everywhere. You go to India, any indigenous nation, you go to any community, you're going to see environmental situations that will have great effects, great negative effects over time. And this is...not something that's isolated to here. This, this, this is the first time in history where all the tribes are coming together as one people, but it's important to note that this is not the end. We're going to win, lose, or draw with this whole -- I believe we will win, but at the end of the day, uh...this is a problem that, this power, of everyone coming together, one voice, and standing in solidarity, we can spread all around the country, all around the nation to all different types of people, all different types of communities, so...with that, to stand with them, and I know that one day, they're standing with me.

**Giovanni: 07:56** And as for me, I believe that as indigenous people, as prayerful people, as ceremonial people, we have a, we have a duty and a responsibility, a purpose given to us by the great spirit to uh, protect and to continue life. I mean, as human beings, like every other animal that we share this planet with, our whole purpose here is to continue life for the next generation. Um, so they're trying to, they're going to pollute this water here, and that water, that water is life. You know, most of our body is water, we spend nine months in the water, um, this is very important to sustain life, and I feel that...as indigenous people, it's our responsibility to make sure that life continues for our future generations and for all our relatives here, not just us human beings, but all the animals that depend on this water too. Even the air that we breathe, you know, this oxygen. Our whole entire ecosystem depends on that water being clean, so I'm here to...protect that.

**Farai:** Thank you too. I'm just so profoundly grateful to be here with you and with your gifts, and I'm just --