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THE PRAYER OF THE SIOUS INDIAN

CHIEF YELLOW LARK.

"Oh Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me.

I come before you, one of your many children, I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made, my ears sharp to hear your voice, Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my people, the lesson you have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy- MYSELF.

Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so when Life fades as a fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shames."

Presented to Ralph B. Le Cocq
of Harrison, South Dakota, by
Chief Red Cloud of the Andes
Reservation of the Sious Tribe,
or Dakotahs,