

# Shadowyze Does Crazy Horse

INDIAN RAPPER TEACHES HISTORY THROUGH MUSIC

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One hundred and fifty years ago, the Lakota Sioux were considered the most powerful tribe west of the Rocky Mountains. Today they live on the poorest reservation in the United States with an average life expectancy of 49. It is not unusual to see gravesites with children's names that died before reaching their teen years.

Now Grammy-nominated Indian rapper and hip-hop artist Shadowyze is preparing to release his new single, "What Did Crazy Horse Say," to allow young listeners to learn about the Lakota Sioux's most famous warrior, Crazy Horse, who was assassinated at the age of 33.

Award-winning composer and filmmaker Oliver Tuthill, president of Seattle-based Blue Pony Trail Music—a division of Blue Wood Films—wrote the music and lyrics and co-produced the song along with producer Marcus Allen. Allen, aka Evil G, worked with three-time Grammy winner Ludacris on his latest album *Battle of the Sexes*.

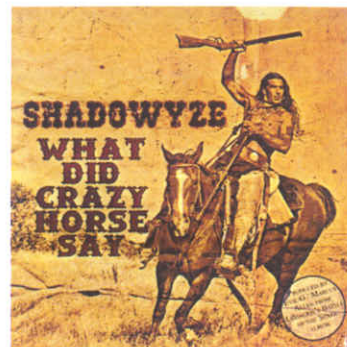
Shadowyze, who has won four Native American Music Awards, feels strongly about the song. "Crazy Horse was a true warrior who fought for his people," he said. "He stood up for what was right and because of that he was killed."

Tuthill plans for a street date of the song to coincide with the release of his documentary *Questions for Crazy Horse*.

Shadowyze was born in San

Antonio, Texas, as Alvin Shawn Enfinger and is part Muskogee Creek and Irish. He rocketed into the public's eye with his song "Knock em out the Ring Roy" for Olympic boxing champion Roy Jones. The song was a mainstay on NBC Sportsworld. Some of the albums he has released include the self-titled *Shadowyze*, *World of Illusions*, and the Grammy-nominated *Spirit Warrior*.

One of his biggest hits to date was the single "Murder in Our Backyard," which addressed the abuse the Mayan Indian population has suffered at the hands of the military in Chiapas, Mexico. A social and Indian rights activist, Shadowyze has had articles published about him in *Native Peoples*, *Aboriginal Voices*, *Whispering Wind*, *Indian Country*,



*Talking Stick*, as well as hip-hop magazines such as *Word Up* and *Trace*.

In the United States he visits Indian reservations to speak about their issues. "What Did Crazy Horse Say" will be released in the winter of 2011.

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