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Today, you can visit my reservation on the 4th. of July and you will find a celebration going on. The government even built a special dancing ground auditorium for audiences to watch the song and dances. It was done to make sure these ancient song and dances would never appear again and the GIFT would not be exchanged.

In the days of old, no matter how long one traveled or distance covered or friends that were met, the Indian had a GIFT for everyone that was met, because wherever and whenever he stopped, he also received a GIFT, so he gave a GIFT but also received a GIFT, so the GIFT had to be a Universal GIFT.

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