



Transcript for “Te Ata”

“Mr. Thompson, your daughter has a gift. She can open up the eyes of the world to the Chickasaw people simply by telling stories.”

“I am trying to help my people.”

“And we are trying to build a nation.”

“By all that is sacred, what do they want of us?”

“Not to exist.”

“So Mary, when are you leaving for college?”

“I prefer she stick around here. Nice and normal.”

“What could you show me that I haven’t seen before? What can YOU offer?”

“Tell me she’s coming home.”

“New York City.”



“I just landed a Broadway role.”

“Congratulations!”

“I want to focus on Broadway.”

“Maybe it’s not about what you want to do. Maybe it’s about what you were meant to do.”



“This is our home. And we don’t have to wander anymore. Neither do you.”

“Singing in Native American language.”

“I have to go so that I can tell our stories.”

“The White House? President Roosevelt?”

“My name is Te Ata!”