

AT THE CROSS in Mohawk

Yo ne ra gwat ro nek kwa onh  
Wa shon gwen he ya seh  
Eh ne gen ra yah da no ronh  
Ih ah ke ri'i wah.

Chorus:

Ji de ka ya son deh  
A gwa de yo swat theh  
Ron wa nen denhs se re ne Yesus  
Wah gahts tsen non ni  
Wah gaht kah thoh  
Sken nen en ga nonk ton nyon ha keh.

Swa ka de rih wa de wa denh  
Ne wa a hon sha ne  
Ko wa nen yoh ni gon rak sat  
Eh ji de wa no ronk.

Ka ra gwah da yo ka ra weh  
Ne wa onh gwa don se  
Ke ris tohs ne wah ren he ye  
Ne shon gwa ya di sonh

"I am not ashamed" - II Timothy 1:12

Tune - Sacred Songs & Solos, Hymn 883.

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THOUGHT HOPELESS, HAD IQ OF 122

Once Rejected, Deaf Mute Now Symbol of Hope:

- By Kathleen Rex

Gordon Brant, a 27-year-old deaf mute who grew up illiterate because the school for the deaf rejected him, is being hailed around the Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled as a symbol of hope for the multiple handicapped.

The Young paraplegic uses crutches to haul himself from place to place, including up and down stairs in the subway which he insists on navigating on his own.

He has a packaging job at the foundation where he works at a "consistently competitive" level, says Dr. James A. Tuck, the foundation psychologist who has been excited about Gordon's prospects ever since he tested the young man two years ago and found he has an IQ of 122.

This is the more remarkable considering the cultural deprivation, Dr. Tuck says.

"He's extremely bright. . . he is one of the few persons tested with the audiometer and found to be totally deaf. . . I wondered how to explain to him how he was to do things but he reacted in the right way. . . I tried his dexterity and found he had superior skill in the handling of tiny objects. . . And with all he's been through he's just about the most cheerful guy you've ever met."

One of 13 children, Gordon spent most of his life on the Mohawk reserve near Deseronto. As a child he was unable to get any formal education because of his handicaps.

He was one of two children born deaf to Mrs. Nellie Brant of Deseronto. A sister, four years older, was able to attend the Ontario School for the Deaf at Belleville. However, Gordon was unable to follow in her footsteps.

"I took him to the school when he was 7 or 8 but they couldn't do anything for him because he couldn't get up and down the stairs," his mother said.

As a baby, except for the deafness, Gordon could get around as well as any child.

He was walking at 9 months. At three, he was run over by a tractor, and badly cut on the head. The accident damaged a nerve, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down.

From then until he was 13 Mrs. Brant looked after him as though he were a newborn child, carrying him up and down stairs until he became too heavy.

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