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Hi Man had said there was ^{the rain} ^{they left in} ^{a game} ^{that} ^{to}
Chance of ^{that} success.

Alone - the solitary ^{with buffalo} ^{have} ^{among} ^{the} ^{ailing} Cherokee
Finally Paul I woke up and,

admitting his ignorance, asked
how ^{he might get} to get North. Free

North. Magical North, Welcoming
^{Benevolent} North. The Cherokee smiled
and told him

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Decimated by
Stubborn, ^I ~~Decimated~~, ^{had} they were
~~a collect~~ among those who refused
~~to move to Oklahoma~~. Who
Chose ^{the} fugitive life rather than
Oklahoma. ~~Who said Enough~~

The disease that swept them now
was reminiscent of the ^{Great} one
that had killed half of ^{their number} ~~them~~
two hundred years ~~at~~ earlier.
In between that calamity and
this one, They had ~~gone to~~
~~London~~ and visited George ^{III} ^{in London},
~~published~~ ^{printed} a newspaper, fought ^{Creek} ^{with}
Andrew Jackson, ^{made baskets, cooked maize,} led Oglethorpe
through ^{the} forests,
drawn up a Constitution, hunted
elk, petitioned the King of Spain,
been ^{experimented on} ~~educated~~ by Dartmouth,
established asylums, ~~no more~~

wrote their
~~a written~~ language, resisted
settlers, shot bears, and

translated scripture, All to no avail.
They forced move to the Arkansas
river, insisted upon by the
same President they had ^{fought with} ~~helped~~
against the Creek, ^{destroyed} ~~shattered~~ them,
another quarter of their ^{already shattered} number,
~~and~~ they thought that was it.

and removed themselves from
the ^{Cherokee who} signed ~~that treaty~~ to ^{retire} ~~retreat~~
into the forest ^{to await the end of the world}. The illness they
suffered now was a ^{summer shower} ~~small~~
^{they} ~~sign~~ ^{compared to} the devastation they
remembered. Still they protected

each other as best they could.

The healthy were sent some miles
away; the sick stayed behind
with the dead, - to survive them
or join them.

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All day the prisoners waited in
The rain ^{Eight hours} after the woman ^{looked} ~~said~~
^{out of her house} ~~them~~, two men, their beautiful
skin ~~bleached~~ approached them.

No one spoke. Then Hi Man
raised his hand. The Cherokee
saw the chains and went away.

When they returned they
carried ^{handfull of} a small ~~at 105~~ ^{and} Two
Children followed with 2 pots
of mush, cooking and thinning in
the rain,

Buffalo men, they called them.
and talked slowly to the
prisoners ^{scooping} ~~gobbling~~ mush and

tapping away at their chains.
Nobody from ^{a box in} Alfred, Georgia
cared about the illness the
Cherokee warned them about,
So they stayed, all 46, resting

planning their next move.

Paul I had the ~~least~~^{no} idea
of what to do and knew less
than anybody. He heard
his co-convicts talk knowledgeably
of rivers, and states, and
towns ^{and territories}. Heard Cherokee men
describe the beginning of the
world and its end. Listened
to tales of other Buffalo men,
living they knew three of whom
~~who~~ were ⁱⁿ with the healthy
camp a few miles away. Hi Man
wanted to join them; others wanted
to join him; some wanted to
leave; some to stay on.

— Later, Paul I was the
only Buffalo man left
without a plan in his head.
All he could think of was
the ~~tail~~ dogs tracking him although