

2. James Harris Guy (Chickasaw), "The White Man
Wants the Indians' Home," 1878

The White man wants the Indians' home,
He envies them their land;
And with the sweetest words he comes
To get it, if he can.

From Daniel F. Littlefield, Jr., and James W. Parins, eds., *Native American Writing in the Southeast: an Anthology, 1875-1935* (Oxford: University Press of Mississippi, 1995), 10-11.

And if we will not give our lands,
And plainly tell him so,
He then goes back, calls up his claim,
And says, "let's make them go."

The question in the Indians' mind
Is, where are we to go?
No other country can we find;
'Tis filled up with our foe.

We do not want one foot of land
The white man calls his own;
We ask of nothing at his hands,
Save to be left alone.