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The Pow-Wow

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C H A P T E R  I

In the spring of the year, the community of Winona prepares for its annual musical festival. This year, the event was to be held on Saturday afternoon, and plans were underway to ensure its success. The festival was a much-anticipated event, drawing people from all over the region.

The program was set to begin at two o'clock sharp, featuring a variety of performances by local talent. Among the highlights were a new composition by the town's own Miss Deborah Smith, Thelma Hootman, Grace Kissling, and Mr. Schoewe. Their voices would unite in song, creating a vibrant mosaic of melodies that would showcase the musical prowess of the community.

The day started with a morning session of lectures and workshops, held in the town hall. These sessions were designed to educate and inspire the participants, covering a range of topics from music theory to performance techniques. The aim was to prepare the audience for the afternoon's excitement.

As the clock struck two, the music began to fill the air. The first performance was a rousing rendition of "Two Hundred Voices Sing," a piece composed by Mr. William Richardson of Elgin College. The song was a celebration of unity, with each voice contributing to the collective harmony.

Following the performance, the audience was treated to a series of impromptu talks given by various community members. These talks were a platform for engaging discussions on the history of music and its cultural significance, offering a deeper understanding of the art form.

The afternoon session culminated in the grand finale, a performance of "The Powwow." This piece was a tribute to the indigenous culture of the region, blending traditional rhythms with modern interpretations. The music was powerful and emotional, leaving a lasting impression on all who were fortunate enough to witness it.

As the sun began to set, the festival came to a close. The hearts of the participants were filled with joy and a sense of accomplishment, knowing that they had shared in the creation of something truly special. The festival was a testament to the spirit of community and the power of music to bring people together.