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SIDE B

WAR SONGS: SONGS SUNG WHILE MEN ON WARPATH

(Tape opens with Myrtle singing. She sings four or five songs)

(You said you heard your mother-in-law singing these songs and they were songs for boys that were--)

--that were at the warpath, you know--in the service, like. And this last one I just got through singing, the words says: "Boy. I get lonesome. Because you went long ways." Them is the words that is in that song.

That's what she used to sing. And I learn them all and I always sing them when my grandchildren were--and when my boys were in the service. I used to sing these songs. I got few more of them that I know, but there is some that I didn't catch very good. And this one that I'm going to sing now-- I used to hear my mother-in-law sing. But I put words in it myself. My grandson's name, I put it in there. Asking him to "Go on. He's a man. We're going to see you again." Them words are in that song.

(Myrtle sings two more war songs.)

This song, the meaning of the words in there is: "A Man up in Heaven, watch the boys with their flag." That's what these words are in there. You know, it means all the boys in the service. It means all the soldiers. We're asking the Lord to watch over them with their flag--the red, white and blue. That's the words in there. But that first one I sing, I called my grandson's Indian name: "Singing Man. Stay with it. Stay with it. You're a man. We're going to see you again." That's the words in that song. My grandson, Dennis, his Indian name is Singing Man. And that's what I put in there. I learn all these songs from my mother-in-law and my father-in-law. They used to sing them. And I used to listen to them. They're old songs. And there's another one--I can't think of it. (Pause)