

Singing Man. -- niibéhiin é n

(Myrtle repeats Arapaho words slowly.)

It says, "Singing Man, go on. You're a man. We'll see you again."

(Are these tunes you're putting these words to old songs?)

This was an old song, but I put my words in myself in these.

(Do other people put words that they want to in the same songs?)

Yeah, like for their boy. I put this in myself--them two songs.

(Next song, Number 34, played. War Path Song.)

I put these words in, too. This is kind of a chief's song.

This song said, "Man up in Heaven, watch over the boys with their flag."

(How would you say those words in Arapaho?)

(Myrtle repeats Arapaho words slowly.)

(Did you make these words for Dennis, too?)

Yeah.

(Did you ever used to put words in songs for your own boys?)

Yes, I used to put words in there--in these same songs.

(You said this was kind of a chief's song--?)

Yeah. Chiefs, they always dance with it.

(How would you say "chief's song" in Arapaho?)

naécaén^h.t

(How do you just say "chief"?)

Naécaè

(Why do they call them chief's songs?)

Well, they recognize these songs. They get up and dance and they give away for them.

(Who--the chiefs give away?)

Yeah. They give away for this song.

(Could you also call this song n^hw^ht'k^hw^hni.n^hw^h.t ?)

Yeah.

(Next song, Number 35, played. War Path Song.)

I put words in this one, too. Now this song, it had no words.

But I used to worry and just think of my grandson when he was

over. Over there. And I always sing it and I put words in it.

"Boy, I hope you'll be happy walking around in your enemy's ground." I put it that way.